

Biography of
THE HONORABLE DAN SULLIVAN
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



VICE-CHAIR SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SENATE DISTRICT 20

Senator Dan Sullivan represents Senate District 20, which includes parts of Craighead County and the cities of Jonesboro and Bono and Herndon Township. He was elected to the Senate in November of 2020 and was sworn in on the first day of the regular session of 2021.

Senator Sullivan is the vice-chair of the Senate Education Committee. He is a member of the Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee, the Joint Performance Review Committee, the Senate interim Committee on Children and Youth, the Joint Budget Committee and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

Senator Sullivan served in the Arkansas House of Representatives for six years before his election to the Senate.

In 2025 Senator Sullivan sponsored legislation that prohibits discrimination or preferential treatment by the State of Arkansas and other public entities. He sponsored legislation to prohibit diversity, equity and inclusion offices, officers, policies or practices in local government.

Senator Sullivan also sponsored legislation to repeal the requirement that a homeschool student live within a certain distance of a private school for purposes of participation in an extracurricular activity.

During his first term in the Senate he co-sponsored two different bills that amended the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act. Act 310 of 2021 allows citizens to use a personal device to make copies of public documents. Act 572 of 2021 amends the awarding of attorneys' fees under the original Freedom of Information Act. Senator Sullivan also sponsored legislation that allows Arkansas businesses and banks to hold annual or special shareholder meetings remotely.

He earned a BSE from Arkansas State University and an MSE in School Administration at Northeast Missouri State.

Senator Sullivan is retired from the healthcare industry and is a former administrator of the Jonesboro School System. He enjoys golf, hunting and fishing.

Senator Sullivan is a father of two adult children and has two grandchildren. He lives in Jonesboro with his wife, Maria.