



STATE SENATOR JIM MERRITT

SENATE DISTRICT 31

BIOGRAPHY

Indiana State Sen. Jim Merritt has represented central Indiana since his election to the General Assembly in 1990. Merritt represents Senate District 31, which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

Merritt serves as Majority Caucus Chair, Chair of the Senate Committee on Utilities and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Technology. He also serves as a member of the Senate Committees on Homeland Security and Transportation; Joint Rules; Public Policy; Rules and Legislative Procedure; and Veterans Affairs and the Military.

He holds a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in political science.

Through his leadership and legislation, Merritt has led efforts aimed at killing the opioid and heroin epidemic in addition to helping those addicted, reducing underage drinking deaths, protecting law enforcement and more.

Merritt’s civic involvement goes beyond his service in the General Assembly. He is a member of several organizations, including the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Indiana Archives and Indianapolis Museum of Art Government Relations Committee. Merritt has also authored “Passing the Torch: Preserving Indiana’s Heritage.”



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