



STATE SENATOR **DAYLIN LEACH**



BIOGRAPHY

- Sen. Daylin Leach (D-Montgomery/Delaware) was born in Philadelphia in 1961. He attended Temple University, where he graduated with a degree in political science, and earned a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center in 1983. After law school, Daylin moved back to southeast Pennsylvania where he practiced law for 17 years focusing on general litigation. Daylin also taught constitutional law, legal ethics and First Amendment law as an adjunct professor at Cedar Crest and Muhlenberg colleges.
- Daylin had an early interest in public service, volunteering on his first campaign when he was 12. He later served as president of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats, as a member on the Allentown Zoning Board and co-hosted a weekly political debate show.
- First elected to the General Assembly in the fall of 2002, Daylin has focused on environmental protection, education, health care and political reform. Notable accomplishments include his measures signed into law that introduce hybrid cars into the state fleet and provide, for the first time, state funds for breast and ovarian cancer screening for low-income women. He also championed legislative redistricting reform to end the practice of gerrymandering and introduced legislation requiring that hospitals offer emergency contraception to the victims of sexual assault.
- After his election into the Pennsylvania Senate in 2008, Daylin was honored to be named minority chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He also serves as a member on the Communications and Technology, Education, Environmental Resources and Energy, Finance, Intergovernmental Operations and Policy committees.
- As a legislator, Daylin has made a point to continue his education in public service. He won a full scholarship to Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Executive Training Program and was awarded the prestigious Flemming Fellowship by the Center for Policy Alternatives.
- Locally, Daylin is on the Board of the Bryn Mawr Film Institute and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Lower Merion Conservancy and the Philadelphia World Affairs Counsel. He attends Main Line Reform Synagogue and is married to Jennifer Anne Mirak, a psychologist and has two children, Brennan and Justin.
- In 2008, Daylin was awarded the Humane Society's Humane Legislator Award, and since then has received the 2011 Legislative Leadership Award by GVF Transportation and the 2011 Friend of Education Award by the Lower Merion Education Association. He was appointed to the PA Commission on Sentencing in May 2011.

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