


State Senator  
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15th District ★ Dauphin & Perry Counties

UPDATE from The General Assembly



**DiSanto Bill Stripping Public Pensions for Felons Becomes Act 1 of 2019**

Legislation I introduced to ensure elected officials and public employees who commit job-related felonies are stripped of their taxpayer-funded pensions was signed into law on March 28th.

Prior to Act 1, the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act only required a pension forfeiture for a specific list of crimes. In practice, this allowed elected officials charged with a forfeiture crime to plead guilty to a different crime in order to avoid losing their pension.

My law also closes the “Mellow Loop-

hole,” through which former State Senator Bob Mellow had his \$245,000-a-year pension restored despite pleading guilty and being sent to prison on conspiracy charges.

Act 1 puts elected officials and public employees on notice that they will no longer be able to abuse their power and walk away with lifetime benefits from taxpayers. This legislation was a significant step in restoring faith in government, and I look forward to advancing further government reforms.

**DiSanto Named Chair of Senate Aging and Youth Committee**

I have been appointed Chairman of the Senate Aging and Youth Committee for the 2019-20 legislative session.

As a first order of business, I convened a joint public hearing to ensure the PA Department of Aging is making necessary improvements to the older adult protective services system. The full hearing is available for viewing on the News Releases page (April 29) of my website, [senatordisanto.com](http://senatordisanto.com).

The Inspector General recently issued a report identifying significant system fail-

ures leaving vulnerable seniors at risk. Elder abuse is a serious concern, and we must do better in supporting our aging population.

As a proponent of educational opportunities for children and an advocate for replacing the school property tax to safeguard seniors living on fixed incomes from losing their homes, I look forward to working with my colleagues on policies to make Pennsylvania a better place for both young and old, where generations of families want to live and work.

**Senator DiSanto’s Senate Committee Membership**

- Aging & Youth, Chair
- Education, Vice Chair
- Community, Economic & Recreational Development
- Finance
- Labor & Industry

- Urban Affairs & Housing

*Senator DiSanto also serves on the:*

- State Employees’ Retirement Board
- Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee



*Senator DiSanto discusses key legislative proposals to strengthen Pennsylvania’s economy and create jobs at a business forum in May.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, June 12**  
**6-7 PM**  
**Tele-Town Hall**

Participate from your home in a conversation about legislative and budget issues.

**Sign up at**  
**[senatordisanto.com](http://senatordisanto.com)**

**Thursday, Aug. 15**  
**3-7 PM**  
**Free Shredding Event for Personal Documents**

Perry County Fairgrounds  
Co-Sponsored with Rep. Mark Keller

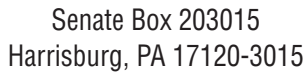
**Wednesday, Sept. 25**  
**6-8 PM**  
**Hunting & Fishing Information Night**

PA Fish & Boat Commission Headquarters  
Get up to date on hunting & fishing issues.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**  
**8:30 – 10:30 AM**  
**Veterans Appreciation Breakfast**

Location TBD. Recognition for military service, great speakers and information for veterans.

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