



# SENATOR CREIGH DEEDS

Virginia Senate, 11<sup>th</sup> District

## BIOGRAPHY

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Senator Creigh Deeds represents the 11th Senate District, which includes the counties of Albemarle, Nelson, Amherst, part of Loudoun and the city of Charlottesville. He is the Chair of the Commerce and Labor Committee and Chairs the Behavioral Health Commission and the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee. He also serves on the following standing committees: Courts of Justice, Finance and Appropriations, Privileges and Elections, and Rules.

Senator Deeds' public service career began in 1987 when he was elected to serve as the Commonwealth's Attorney of Bath County. In 1991 he ran against an incumbent and won in the 18th District in the House of Delegates. After serving 10 years in the House, Sen. Deeds was elected to the Senate in a special election in 2001. Senator Deeds was the Democratic nominee for Attorney General in 2005 and for Governor in 2009.

Senator Deeds is also a member of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the Committee on District Courts, the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight, the Intercollegiate Athletics Review Commission, the Interstate 81 Committee, the Joint Subcommittee on Tax Policy, and the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. The National Alliance on Mental Illness honored Sen. Deeds with the Richard T. Greer Advocacy Award for his efforts to reform mental health, and the American Psychological

Association Practice Organization named him the 2015 State Legislator of the Year Award. His advocacy work has also been acknowledged by NAMI – Virginia, the Psychiatric Society of Virginia, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. For his work on behalf of crime victims, he was awarded the Warren Stambaugh Award from Virginians United Against Crime. He also has received the Leadership in Public Policy Award from The Nature Conservancy, the Preservation Alliance of Virginia Delegate of the Year, and the Virginia Association for Parks Legislator of the Year. His legislative work and accomplishments have also been recognized by the Fairfax Coalition of Police, the Virginia Conference of the American Association of University Professors, Virginia Education Association, BikeWalk Virginia, the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters, and the Virginia Community Healthcare Association.

Senator Deeds attended Virginia's public schools and graduated from Bath County High School in 1976. After completing undergraduate work at Concord College, he received his law degree from Wake Forest University in 1984. Senator Deeds is a lawyer in private practice and lives in the City of Charlottesville. He is married to Siobhan Deeds and has four children.