

Brief Biography for Senator Sally Harrell
Georgia Senate District 40

Senator Sally Harrell was elected in 2018 to serve the 40th Senate District, which includes portions of Dekalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties in the northern Atlanta suburbs. In the Senate, Sen. Harrell has spoken out on behalf of gun safety; Medicaid expansion, including access to a public option; human rights protections for immigrants; protection of women's right to reproductive healthcare; public transit funding; and more affordable higher education.

Sen. Harrell is a member of the Senate Ethics, Higher Education, and Natural Resources and the Environment Committees.

Sen. Harrell was a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1999 to 2005, where she was a member of the Education, Human Relations & Aging, Children & Youth, and Appropriations Committees. As a State Representative, Sen. Harrell championed a wide range of women's and children's issues, advocating for mental health and disability services and mandatory recess for children. Sen. Harrell also helped pass a law protecting mothers who breastfeed in public and was an advocate for various non-profit organizations.

Prior to serving in the Legislature, Sen. Harrell was the Executive Director of the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia. She received her Masters of Social Work from the University of Georgia and a Bachelor Degree from Georgia State University.