

Kate Brophy McGee

Arizona State Senate District 28



Official Biography

Senator Kate Brophy McGee is serving her first term in the Arizona Senate, representing Legislative District 28. The district includes North Central Phoenix, Biltmore, Arcadia and the Town of Paradise Valley. Previously, she served three terms in the Arizona House of Representatives (2011-2016).

Senator Brophy McGee is a third-generation Arizonan, born into a ranching family and raised in southern Arizona. She graduated from the University of Arizona and worked as a community banker lending to small businesses. She understands how hard business owners work to create the jobs that drive Arizona's economy.

Senator Brophy McGee married her husband, Bob McGee, 31 years ago, and they have lived in their North Central/Sunnyslope neighborhood ever since. All three of their sons attended Phoenix public schools and graduated from Sunnyslope High School. Her oldest son is a graduate of the University of Arizona Law School and is an attorney in Phoenix. Her middle son is a graduate student at Northern Arizona University. Her youngest son is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, and is applying to graduate school.

Senator Brophy McGee is Vice-Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and a member of the Senate Education and Transportation & Technology Committees. During her tenure in the House, Brophy McGee served as the co-chair of the Joint Legislative Child Protective Services Oversight Committee. She is a member of the Child Help Arizona Board, ASU's Morrison Institute of Public Policy Advisory Board, the Flinn Foundation's Bio Sciences Roadmap Steering Committee, and is a proud member of Phoenix Rotary and Sunrise Toastmasters.

During her legislative tenure, Brophy McGee has served on numerous key gubernatorial and legislative committees. Most recently, she served on Governor Ducey's Substance Abuse Task Force and Sexual

Assault Evidence Collection Kit Task Force. She sponsored the legislation establishing the Department of Child Safety as a stand-alone agency during an historic May, 2014 Special Session of the legislature. She was key in the 2013 Medicaid restoration, led by Governor Jan Brewer, and led the charge to restore KidsCare funding in 2016.

Prior to her election to the legislature, Senator Brophy McGee served nearly a decade on the Washington Elementary School Board, including four terms as Board President. She also served six years on the Arizona School Facilities Board, including one term as Chairman. She continues her many community-based volunteer activities in addition to her current legislative duties.

As a mother, banker and community leader, Senator Brophy McGee is committed to working patiently and persistently with her constituents, colleagues and Arizona's leaders to build a better Arizona.

(Legislative Bio, [Accessed 9/20/17](#))

ALEC membership/ties

- ALEC "scholarship" gift over \$500 in [2010](#)

ALEC model legislation authored/sponsored

Bill Title/Number	ALEC Model Bill	Sponsored/Authorred
HB 2653 (2013)	Public Employees' Portable Retirement Option (PRO) Act	Sponsored

McGee sponsored a bill that would eliminate defined benefit pension plans for public employees. HB 2653 called for moving toward eliminating public pensions and replacing them with defined contribution plans or 401(k)s. The bill took direct language from the ALEC template. [Common Cause Report: ALEC in Arizona, [Accessed 10/11/18](#)]

Other Hits

McGee voted for a bill that would qualify any teacher with a credential to instruct "special-ed" children, kids with learning or physical disabilities. "I think it's a big mistake," said Debra Mergner, whose son is graduating high school, partly thanks to special instruction he got for coping with Asperger's syndrome. "A special-ed teacher has a unique tool belt that they wear for teaching because they understand the exceptionality of each student. Regular teachers don't have that." [Phoenix New Times, [2/14/17](#); AZ SB1317 passed House after passing Senate [5/22/2017](#)]