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Breaux reappointed to interim commission reviewing state health issues *Senator appointed to serve on ten interim legislative committees, commissions*

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne), upon recommendation by Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville), has reappointed State Senator Jean Breaux (D-Indianapolis) as a member of the Health Finance Commission and as a member of several other interim committees and commissions. The commission will meet during the legislative interim and review various health issues, including the impact of a statewide smoking ban in Indiana and the impact of new federal health care reform laws on the Healthy Indiana Plan and other state programs.

Breaux said she is pleased to be reappointed as a legislative advisor to the Indiana Recycling Market Development Board that oversees the Indiana Recycling Market Development Program. The program was designed to provide loans and grants to organizations throughout Indiana that work to promote recycling and educate local communities about recycling opportunities. In the past year, Breaux has worked to keep funding available for the grant program, including \$500,000 released in April.

Breaux has also been assigned to the Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled Board and to the Workforce Innovation Council. She has been reappointed to serve on the Indiana Commission for Women, Regulatory Flexibility Committee, Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission, Interagency State Council on Black and Minority Health, and Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit and Transportation Alternatives.

Other topics assigned for review this year by the General Assembly include the following:

Legislative redistricting: The Census Data Advisory Committee will study the 2011 redistricting process. The federal census data obtained in 2010 will be used to make a variety of decisions at the state and local levels, including where state legislative and congressional district lines are drawn for the next 10 years.

Economic development: The newly formed Committee on Economic Development will study available economic development tools and how Indiana's tax laws can encourage business development and job growth.

Teen suicide: The Commission on Mental Health will study the issues surrounding youth suicides, including root causes and prevention methods.

"Sexting": The Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee will study concerns about "sexting," or the sending of sexually suggestive or explicit cell phone and internet messages by minors. The study committee will review how school corporations' policies could address this topic.

The General Assembly annually convenes interim study committees and permanent commissions to conduct in-depth research and analysis of issues affecting the state. Recommendations from these committees are often the basis for future legislation. More information about committee topics, schedules and agendas is available online at www.in.gov/legislative/interim.

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