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**Errington appointed to state economic development committee**  
*Study committee to review tools available to encourage business development*

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne), upon recommendation by Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville), has appointed State Senator Sue Errington (D-Muncie) as a member of the Interim Study Committee on Economic Development and as a member of several other interim committees and commissions. The newly formed committee will meet during the legislative interim and will study available economic development tools and how Indiana tax law can encourage business development and job growth. The committee will study the benefits of existing Community Revitalization Enhancement Districts (CRED), such as the new Delaware County CRED approved by the 2010 Indiana General Assembly, as an economic development tool.

Errington has also been appointed to serve on the Education Roundtable which meets throughout the year to review Indiana's educational system and make recommendations for future plans. She said she was pleased to be reappointed to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee, Health Finance Commission, Indiana Commission on Autism, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Senile Dementia Task Force and the Select Joint Commission on Medicaid Oversight.

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.

**Statewide smoking ban:** A statewide smoking ban and its economic impact on the state and local businesses will be studied by the Health Finance Commission.

**Health care:** A report on the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is expected to be presented to the Health Finance Commission by the non-partisan state Legislative Services Agency. The impact of federal health care reform on the Healthy Indiana Plan and other state programs will also be reviewed by the Health Finance Commission.

**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](http://www.in.gov/legislative/interim).

For more information on Sen. Errington, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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