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**Simpson reappointed to Health Finance Committee**

*Committee to review impact of federal health care reform on state programs*

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) has reappointed Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville) as a member of the [Health Finance Commission](#), the [Select Joint Commission on Medicaid Oversight](#) and the [Military Base Planning Council](#).

Members of the Health Finance Commission will be presented with a report this year on the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act by the non-partisan state Legislative Services Agency. The Commission will also review the impact of federal health care reform on The Indiana Check Up Plan, which includes the Healthy Indiana Plan, and methods to increase availability of affordable coverage for individuals participating in the state program.

Additionally, the Health Finance Commission has been charged with review of the impact of a statewide smoking ban, a proposal that has failed in the last three sessions of the Indiana General Assembly; prevalence and scope of brain injuries, and financing for brain injury services; and long term care savings plans.

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.

**Teen suicide:** The [Commission on Mental Health](#) will study the issues surrounding youth suicides, including root causes and prevention methods.

**Renter safety:** Crime victims' ability to terminate leases under certain circumstances will be reviewed by the [Commission on Courts](#).

**“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).

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