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### **Taylor reappointed to Criminal Code Evaluation Commission** *Senator reappointed to serve on five 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 Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis) as a member of the [Criminal Code Evaluation Commission](#) and as a member of several other interim committees and commissions.

As a member of the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission, Taylor will participate in a comprehensive review of Indiana's criminal code and sentencing policies. The review will be conducted through a new partnership with the Pew Center on the States and the Council of State Governments' Justice Center aimed at improving public safety by reducing recidivism and managing the growth of Indiana's prison population. A steering committee will share proposals with the Criminal Code Evaluation Commission, which will provide recommendations to the General Assembly by November 1, 2011.

Taylor has also been reappointed to the [Interim Study Committee on Driver Education](#), the [Commission on the Social Status of Black Males](#), [Child Custody and Support Advisory Committee](#) and the [Code Revision Commission](#).

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.

**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 will 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.

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 Senator Taylor, his 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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