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### **Senator Jane Cunningham Selected to Serve On Senate Educated Citizenry 2020 Committee**

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JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jane Cunningham, R-Chesterfield, was recently appointed to serve on the newly-formed Senate Educated Citizenry 2020 Committee. The committee is responsible for studying how elementary, secondary, and higher education systems prepare students to be productive and successful citizens in Missouri.

Other members serving on the committee with Sen. Cunningham include: Sen. Kurt Schaefer, R-Columbia, Sen. David Pearce, R-Warrensburg, Sen. Robin Wright-Jones, D-St. Louis, Sen. Wes Shoemyer, D-Clarence, and Sen. Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis.

Missouri currently ranks 30<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the number of 25- to 34-year-olds with a degree past high school, and the United States ranks 10<sup>th</sup> among industrialized nations in the percentage of young adults with college degrees.

“I am pleased to help create a long-term vision for education in our state and to work toward positioning Missouri as one of the top states for education and economic investment,” Sen. Cunningham said.

The Senate Educated Citizenry 2020 Committee will serve through Dec. 31, 2010. The committee is charged with developing the Education legislation that will improve student achievement, college graduation and provide Missouri graduates with the skills to be successful citizens and attractive productive employees for Missouri employers. One major goal is to move Missouri from being the 30<sup>th</sup> state to the 10<sup>th</sup> state in college graduation rates. Visit [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov) to see a complete list of all the committees in the Missouri Senate.

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