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Senator Pearce Selected as Chairman of Joint Education Committee

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) was recently selected to serve as chairman of the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Education, of which he has been a member since 2009.

The 14-member committee consists of seven members each from the Senate and House. Members are charged with reviewing and monitoring the progress of education in the state's public schools and institutions of higher education; conducting a study and analysis of the public school system, including issues relating to state funding and teachers’ salaries; and making recommendations to the General Assembly for legislative action, among other duties.

“I’m honored to be selected for this leadership position on the Joint Education Committee by my colleagues,” Sen. Pearce said. “We know we have challenges ahead of us in the area of education, particularly in these difficult budget times, but this committee will continue to do its part to ensure our state’s educational system remains a top priority.”

Other senators serving on the committee include Sen. Jane Cunningham (R-Chesterfield), Sen. Scott T. Rupp (R-Wentzville), Sen. Kurt Schaefer (R-Columbia), Sen. Rita Heard Days (D-St. Louis), Sen. Joseph Keaveny (D-St. Louis), and Sen. Yvonne Wilson (D-Kansas City).

Senator Pearce also serves as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and chairman of the Educated Citizenry 2020 Committee.

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