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Senator David Pearce to Serve as Commissioner on Midwestern Higher Education Compact

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) was recently appointed by Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields (R-St. Joseph) to serve as a commissioner on the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Senator Pearce previously served on the commission, MHEC’s governing body, from 2003–2004.

“It’s an honor to once again serve on the MHEC commission and to play a pivotal role in shaping educational opportunities for our state and region,” Sen. Pearce said. “Education has always been and continues to be one of my top priorities as a legislator, and for as long as I serve in the Senate, I will do my best to ensure that Missouri students receive the best education available to them.”

The purpose of the compact is to provide greater higher education opportunities and services through collaboration and resource-sharing to its member-states, which include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Each member-state appoints five individuals to the commission, a 60-member governing body of legislators, higher education leaders and governors’ representatives.

“We are pleased that Sen. Pearce will again be a MHEC Commissioner,” said Larry Isaak, president of MHEC. “He brings a great depth of knowledge and experience to help shape regional approaches to important education issues facing all of the Midwestern states to ensure a competitive and educated workforce for the future.”

Senator Pearce serves as chairman of the Senate Education Committee, Joint Committee on Education and Educated Citizenry 2020 Committee, which is charged with determining what education in Missouri should look like by the year 2020 and developing long-term strategies to achieve these future goals.

“Senator Pearce is a proven leader in education, so he is a natural fit for this position,” Sen. Shields said. “He has a comprehensive understanding of the needs of Missouri’s schools and our students, and I’m confident he will be an asset to the commission as it seeks to enhance affordable educational opportunities in the Midwest.”

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