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Arnold appointed to serve on national economic development committee *Committee to work on issues surrounding labor, workforce*

INDIANAPOLIS –State Senator Jim Arnold (D-LaPorte) has been appointed to serve on the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Standing Committee on Labor and Economic Development. The national committee provides an opportunity for state legislators to work together to address common issues pertaining to employment growth and management, adult education and life-long learning, workers' compensation and workforce development.

"There are many issues in this economy that affect not only the citizens of Indiana, but the citizens of the nation as a whole," said Arnold. "I look forward to working with legislators and legislative staff from around the country to begin sharing new ideas and policies that can more effectively address those issues facing our constituents."

The committee also works on a wide variety of issues ranging from unemployment, consumer affairs, employment retirement funds and pensions, as well as tourism and trade, historic preservation, and art and culture.

NCSL's 12 standing committees are similar in structure to those of committees within state legislatures. Membership consists of state legislators and legislative staff. Standing committees meet three times each year and members benefit from the sharing of experiences in shaping public policy, experimenting with new laws, and managing the legislative institutions. NCSL's policy positions and lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., are also guided by the work of these committees.

NCSL is a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation's 50 states, its commonwealths and territories. NCSL provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues. NCSL is also an effective and respected advocate for the interests of state governments before Congress and federal agencies.

For more information on these committees, go online to <http://www.ncsl.org/standcomm/standcomm.htm>.

For more information on Sen. Arnold, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.

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