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Young reappointed to Natural Resources Study Committee
Committee to review coal miner safety, coal bed property rights

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 Richard Young (D-Milltown) as a member of the [Natural Resources Study Committee](#) and as a member of several other interim committees and commissions.

The committee will meet during the legislative interim and has been assigned to review various issues including the safety of coal miners involved in the extraction of methane in coal beds and the rights of coal bed property and mineral owners.

Young has also been reappointed to the [Water Resources Study Committee](#), [State Fair Advisory Committee](#), [Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs](#), Corn Marketing Council, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, and [Administrative Rules Oversight Committee](#).

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.

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