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SENATOR BARROW CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL EARLY LEARNING & CHILD WELFARE FELLOWS PROGRAMS

District 15 State Senator Regina Barrow is joining a select group of legislators from across the country to participate in the 2018 National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Early Learning Fellows Program and the inaugural Child Welfare Fellows Program. The programs bring together some of the nation's brightest and most promising leaders to expand their knowledge about early childhood development and early childhood education policy options and to focus on protecting children from abuse and neglect and ensuring that children have safe, stable and permanent living situations. Senate President John Alario nominated Senator Barrow to represent Louisiana in the fellows programs.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to work with legislators and child policy experts from across the country to develop policies and programs to improve the lives of children and families in Louisiana and elsewhere," Sen. Barrow who chairs the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children said. "We cannot do more important work as elected officials than the work to protect our children."

The work of the Early Learning Fellows program kicked off earlier this year in Denver, Colorado where legislators participated in learning sessions on early brain science and brain architecture and the early care and education workforce. The Child Welfare Fellows Program will use a small group format at both in-person meetings and webinars to provide legislators with in-depth information on policies, financing and program innovation across the country.

Sen. Barrow has long been a passionate advocate for children and families. In fact, Governor John Bel Edwards recently noted that, "Sen. Barrow has been a champion for children in Louisiana since we first served together in the House of Representatives. She has passed significant legislation regarding the well-being of children and I applaud her for her work and the NCSL for recognizing her commitment to implementing policies that ensure a brighter future for our young people."

Besides chairing the Select Committee on Women and Children, Sen. Barrow serves as vice-chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and is a member of the Senate Finance, Judiciary C and Labor committees. She is also a member of the Senate Select Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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 state issues. NCSL covers the cost of lodging and meals for the state legislators chosen for the fellows programs.

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