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SENATOR BISHOP SELECTED TO REPRESENT LOUISIANA AT NATIONAL EARLY LEARNING FELLOWS PROGRAM

District 4 State Senator Wesley Bishop will join a select group of legislators from across the country to participate in the 2018 National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Early Learning Fellows program. The yearlong program begins with a kickoff meeting this week in Denver, Colorado.

The program brings 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. Participants must be nominated by leadership to attend. Senate President John Alario nominated Senator Bishop for the program.

"I feel honored and humbled to be selected and nominated by President Alario," said Senator Bishop. "This is a great opportunity to hold constructive dialogue and gather valuable information to bring back to Louisiana, especially as we are working to improve the state's early childhood education opportunities."

At the kick-off meeting, legislators will participate in learning sessions on early brain science and brain architecture and the early care and education workforce. Legislators will also take a tour of *Educare* – a high-quality early learning facility. Later in the year, participants will focus on suspension and expulsion in the early years and pre-kindergarten opportunities.

The 2018 Early Learning Fellows Program meeting is scheduled for June 6-8 in Denver, Colorado. NCSL covers the cost of lodging and meals for the state legislators chosen for the program.

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.

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