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### **Legislator chosen as national Fellow in early learning**

**BATON ROUGE** – State Representative Gene Reynolds (D-Minden) will join only 19 others from across the nation to become an Early Learning Fellow of the National Conference of State Legislators.

According to the NCSL, the Early Learning Fellowship program is designed to support legislators and legislative staff who are experienced or emerging leaders in early childhood and early learning issues. Fellows will have the opportunity to be part of a peer learning community with other legislators and to engage with research and policy experts who are leaders in the field.

Reynolds serves on the House Education Committee and will serve as a Fellow for one year.

“I am thrilled to be part of this select group,” Reynolds said, “I’m anxious to learn from colleagues and national experts. We face some tough issues in our own education system, and I plan to bring what I learn back to Louisiana as well as share successes we’ve had here.”

Reynolds was nominated by House Speaker Chuck Kleckley for a spot in NCSL’s third annual Fellows class and his expenses will be paid by the NCSL.

“Representative Reynolds is a former educator, principal and superintendent,” Kleckley said, “I am not surprised at all he was chosen. His unique perspective highly qualifies him for this position, and I know he will serve the House and our state well.”

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*Learn more about NCSL Early Learning Fellows program at: [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org)*