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Legislator chosen as national Fellow in early learning

BATON ROUGE – State Representative Patrick O. Jefferson (D-Arcadia) 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.

Jefferson serves on the House Education Committee as vice chair, and will serve as a Fellow for one year.

“This is a select group, and I’m proud to be a part of it,” Jefferson said, “More than that, I’m proud to be one of two Louisianans in the group and participation will help us improve our state.”

Jefferson joins Rep. Eugene Reynolds who was earlier named as fellow. Both were 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.

Learn more about NCSL Early Learning Fellows program at: www.ncsl.org