

REP. PAULA PIERSON NAMED TO INFLUENTIAL COMMITTEES

PIERSON TO SERVE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEES

AUSTIN-- State Representative Paula Pierson (D-Arlington) was appointed Friday to serve on two key committees for the 80th Legislative Session. Rep. Pierson was named to the House Committee on Human Services and the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be asked to serve on these two House Committees," said Rep. Pierson. ***"I am excited about this unique opportunity to work on Human Services and Criminal Jurisprudence issues."***

Rep. Pierson's committee assignments will allow her to work closely on issues that affect her constituents, including restoring funding to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and toughening penalties for repeat child sex offenders.

"My service on these committees will allow me to focus on how I can help protect our children from sexual predators and how we, as a state, can ensure that the children of hardworking families children receive the health care they deserve," continued Pierson.

The Committee on Human Services focuses on the oversight of the Health and Human Services Commission, development, administration and control of welfare and rehabilitation services (including CHIP and Medicaid) and the development of programs that deal with the prevention and treatment of mental retardation. The Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence focuses on criminal law, specifically the standards, penalties and procedure of criminal courts in Texas. The committee oversees the Office of State Prosecuting Attorney and the Texas State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

Rep. Pierson explained that thousands of pieces of legislation will be considered by the Legislature this session, and the committee process closely analyzes legislation before Representatives vote on bills on the House Floor.

For more information on committees or any other issue, Rep. Pierson encourages interested individuals to contact her office at (512) 463-0562 or e-mail her at district93_pierson@house.state.tx.us.