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Rep. Currey Chosen Co-Chair Of School Readiness, Workforce Development Pilot Program

State Rep. **Jeff Currey** (D-East Hartford, Manchester, South Windsor), a member of the legislature's Appropriations Committee has been chosen to serve as co-chairman of the Two-generational School Readiness and Workforce Development Pilot Program.

House Speaker Brendan Sharkey (D-Hamden), who appointed Currey, whose term ends June 30, 2017, praised his qualifications. "The knowledge and experience that Representative Currey brings to this position will be of great value," Sharkey said.

Currey, who previously has served on the East Hartford Board of Education as a member and chairman, said he was honored to be chosen as co-chairman of the new state program. Currey, also a member of the legislature's Education Committee, was a co-sponsor of legislation this year that led to the creation of the program.

"I am thrilled to be a co-chair of this new, important program and look forward to beginning our work," Currey said. "The goal of the program is to foster academic success in children and economic self-sufficiency in parents by adopting a two-generational model for delivery of support services to low-income households," he said.

"For many years, largely due to isolated thinking and separate funding streams for children and adult programs, policies affecting children and their parents have been funded as discrete and separate from each other. Connecticut, the first state to have a comprehensive plan for the 2-generational approach, will make efforts to simplify service delivery while addressing quality, accountability and diverse participation in the work of helping to end the cycle of multi-generational need through the promotion of self-sufficiency," Currey said.

Currey said there would be predetermined locations around the state, including one in the Greater Hartford area, where both private and public partnerships will provide opportunities for statewide learning beyond the six identified sites.