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House Speaker Forms Special Committee on the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

Concord, NH: House Speaker Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) announced the formation of the House Special Committee on the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF):

This bipartisan committee on the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is charged with considering all matters on due process and practices concerning DCYF.

The Special Committee shall consist of ten members of the House who shall conduct hearings and receive testimony relative to DCYF and may make recommendations for future legislation.

Representative Leah Cushman of Weare will serve as chair of the Special Committee. Pursuant to House Rule 29, the Committee will be comprised of an equal number of Democratic and Republican members reflecting the nearly even partisan make-up of the House.

The following members have been appointed to the Special Committee:

- Hon. Leah Cushman, Chair
- Hon. Alicia Gregg
- Hon. Gaby Grossman
- Hon. Jim Kofalt
- Hon. Erica Layon

- Hon. Pat Long
- Hon. Sandra Panek
- Hon. Sheila Seidel
- Hon. Mary Jane Wallner
- Hon. Lucy Weber

Chairwoman Cushman:

“As representatives, we are here to listen to the issues our constituents face, and when possible, find solutions to mitigate their concerns. In this case, our committee is tasked with the important, non-partisan job of identifying – if any – deficiencies within the DCYF system as it relates to due process. We will make recommendations to correct any deficiencies found, and if there are none, we will clarify that and see what needs to be done to alleviate the concerns raised.”

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