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Member of Senate since January 8, 2003. Member, Budget and Taxation Committee, 2003- (public safety, transportation & environment subcommittee, 2003-); Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, 2003-; Joint Committee on Federal Relations, 2003-; Special Committee on Substance Abuse, 2003-. Member, Special Joint Committee on Pensions, 2003. Member, Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland (formerly Maryland Legislative Black Caucus), 1999- (1st vice-chair, 2004-). Member, Women Legislators of Maryland, 1999- (executive board, 2003-04). Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (vice-chair, economic development, trade & cultural affairs committee, 2004-); Southern Legislative Conference (intergovernmental affairs committee, 2002-).

Member of House of Delegates, January 13, 1999 to January 8, 2003. Member, Appropriations Committee, 1999-2003 (education & economic development subcommittee, 1999-2003; oversight committee on pensions, 1999-2003; oversight committee on program open space & agricultural land preservation, 1999-2003). Member, Liaison Work Group, Baltimore City Delegation. 2nd Vice-Chair, Maryland Legislative Black Caucus, 2002-04 (member, 1999-; chair, economic development committee, 2000-; member, education committee, 2000-, redistricting committee, 2000-01; historically black colleges & universities committee, 2001-).

Member, Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence, 1999-2000; Joseph Fund Board, 1999-2001; Transit Policy Panel, 2000; Maryland Competitive Advantage Financing Fund Work Group, 2000-01; Governor's Commission on Minority Business Enterprise Reform, 2003 (chair, access to capital committee). Co-Chair, Task Force on Lending Equity within Financial Institutions Providing State Depository Services, 2004-. Advisory Board, University of Maryland School of Social Work, 2004-.

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