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# Senate names new budget director



ATLANTA – Senate President Pro Tempore Eric Johnson (R-Savannah) announced today that Dr. Carolyn Bourdeaux, an assistant professor at Georgia State University, has been named the new director of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office. Dr. Bourdeaux replaces Kevin Fillion, who resigned earlier this year after announcing his retirement from state government.

“We conducted a nationwide search and found that the best candidate for the position was right here in our own backyard,” Sen. Johnson said upon making the announcement. Dr. Bourdeaux worked in the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office in 2005, training the budget staff in program and performance budgeting.

“Her expertise in program budgets is second-to-none, and we are fortunate to have her on our staff,” Sen. Johnson continued.

Dr. Bourdeaux received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in public administration from Syracuse University and her Master’s degree from the University of Southern California. Prior to that, she attended Yale University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and economics.

“The Senate is fortunate to be able to recruit an expert in budgeting with a national reputation,” Senate Appropriations Chairman Jack Hill (R-Reidsville) said. “Dr. Bourdeaux brings a wide range of skills and experience to the director’s position, and she, along with Senate leadership will continue to guide and operate the state government based on the principles of program-based budgeting.”

Dr. Bourdeaux currently specializes in budgeting and public finance, governance and urban policy at Georgia State. She teaches public budgeting and finance, economic development planning and finance and ethics in public administration.

“I greatly appreciate the honor of being selected for this position, and I look forward to working with Sen. Hill and the Senate members,” Dr. Bourdeaux said. “I am committed to continuing what the Senate budget office has been doing with program-based budgeting and moving forward with zero-based budgeting over the next few years.”

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