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N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Chairman Joins Youth Accountability Planning Task Force

RALEIGH -- The North Carolina General Assembly's Youth Accountability Planning Task Force and Working Groups added a new member at the Dec. 10 meeting. Jon Williams, chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, was asked to serve on the working group shortly after his appointment to lead the ABC Commission in October.

The December Task Force meeting was the first since Williams' appointment by Gov. Bev Perdue to head the ABC Commission. Williams has noted that the responsibility of the ABC Commission as the chief regulator of alcohol for the people of North Carolina provides a vantage point that is at the hub of commercial interests as well as issues of public health and safety.

"Issues of underage drinking, the emotional and physical impact that alcohol consumption takes on kids, the frequent relationship of alcohol and violence – including domestic violence, all make it important for the ABC Commission to have a seat at this very important table," Williams said.

Williams also serves on the Governor's Crime Commission as well as the North Carolina Travel and Tourism Board.

Before being named chairman of the ABC Commission in October, he had served since 1999 in the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, where as Deputy Secretary he was responsible for the Governor's Crime Commission, the Crime Victim's Compensation Commission and the Division of Law Enforcement Support Services.

From 1990 to 1999 he was in the private practice of law in Goldsboro, where for six years, he served as the attorney for the Wayne County Guardian ad Litem program representing abused and neglected children. For his leadership and service to many local organizations, the North Carolina Jaycees named him as one of its Five Outstanding Young North Carolinians for 1999.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy and a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was elected President of the Student Bar Association.

ABOUT THE ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 19 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 17,000 retail outlets across the state. In fiscal year 2009, the Commission returned more than \$250 million in taxes and revenue to benefit the General Fund and the budgets of local cities and counties that sell alcoholic beverages.

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