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## **Representative Smola Appointed to Supplemental Budget Conference Committee**

BOSTON - Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, **Committee on Ways & Means**), has been named as one of three House legislators appointed to a new conference committee. The committee will be tasked with negotiating differences between the House (H4382) and Senate (S2493) versions of the midyear budget bill. The House also appointed Representative Jeffrey Sanchez and Representative Stephen Kulik to the committee. The House conferees will join Senator Karen Spilka, Senator Joan Lovely and Senator Vinny deMacedo to negotiate the final version of the roughly \$150 million midyear spending proposal.

"This is a time sensitive matter but I am confident that the House and Senate will be able to work together to close out FY18," said Representative Smola. "I appreciate the opportunity to address the differences in these two bills."

Both the House and Senate bills aim to close out the fiscal year for several programs and state agencies. This includes Veterans' benefit payments, administration services for the Department of Developmental Services, Special Education Reimbursement and Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

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