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**Senator Ileana García Appointed Chair of the Appropriations Committee
on Criminal and Civil Justice**

Miami—Senator Ileana García (R-Miami) has been named the chair of the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice, where she will play a crucial role in securing essential funding for Florida's law enforcement agencies and judicial system to safeguard its citizens. Senator Albritton (R-Wauchula) remarked, “A solid foundation of law and order is essential for meaningful action. Senator García is a passionate advocate for justice, dedicated to ensuring that our police and judicial systems have the necessary resources to maintain public safety.” Furthermore, Senator Albritton is set to take on the role of President of the Senate starting November 19, 2024, for a two-year term.

During her four years in the Senate, Senator García has concentrated on enhancing the welfare of children and youth in the foster care system by crafting and revising critical legislation that supports those impacted by traumatic experiences. Key initiatives such as the Nancy C. Detert Act, “Keys to Independence,” and resources for youth transitioning out of the system or facing homelessness have been at the forefront of her efforts.

“The welfare of young individuals connected to the Department of Juvenile Justice has always been a priority for me, as many of these youths come from backgrounds of trauma. As elected officials, it is our duty to provide these children with the necessary tools to navigate challenges early in life, thus preventing them from facing the repercussions in adulthood. I firmly believe in rehabilitation, healing, and the fresh opportunities that life can provide. I am honored to take on this role,” Senator García stated.

“Together, we are dedicated to establishing services, programs, and legislation that enhance safety while consistently upholding the principles of integrity and respect. Our commitment will focus on rehabilitation, healing, and offering second chances to individuals, ensuring their successful reintegration into society and the safety of all citizens,” she concluded.

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