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TO: Senate and House Members of the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating Escalating Costs in Georgia's Foster Care System

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FROM: Senator Kay Kirkpatrick, 32nd, Chairman

SUBJECT: Joint Study Committee Meeting Notice and Agenda

DATE: 9/17/26

TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PLACE: 307 CLOB

AGENDA:

- **Office of the Child Advocate-Jerry Bruce**
- **Together Georgia- Juanita Stedman and Gwen Skinner**
- **Justice for Children- Diana Rugh Johnson**
- **D.F.C.S Response to Committee Questions-Melody DeBussey**

***AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR**

cc:

Honorable Brian Kemp, Governor
Honorable Burt Jones, Lt. Governor
Sen. Larry Walker III, President Pro Tempore
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