

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-012

2 State of Arkansas

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6 By: Representative Kenney

7 By: Senators Argue, Bisbee, Baker, J. Jeffress, Bryles, Hendren, Broadway, G. Jeffress

8 Referred to the

9 Education Committee- House

10 by the House of Representatives

11 on 03/15/2007

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14 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

15 REQUESTING THAT IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE 2006 ACT
16 57 ADEQUACY STUDY, THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM
17 COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY TO
18 DETERMINE WHETHER FUNDING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL
19 FACILITATORS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM FOUNDATION
20 FUNDING AND INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITATORS FUNDED
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23 **Subtitle**

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32 WHEREAS, instructional facilitators, also known as instructional
33 coaches, are an important resource for identifying areas of classroom
34 instruction for needed focus or improvement; and

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36 WHEREAS, studies of Arkansas public schools and school districts,

1 including visits in 2006 to Arkansas schools by Lawrence O. Picus and
2 Associates and the Bureau of Legislative Research, as well as the web-based
3 survey of school districts, indicated that many public schools and school
4 districts do not utilize instructional facilitators as the General Assembly
5 intends when it funds those positions in foundation funding; and
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7 WHEREAS, additional information is needed to determine whether the
8 allocation for instructional facilitators should be removed from foundation
9 funding and funded in a separate educational category,
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11 NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
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15 THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education conduct a
16 study to determine whether the allocation for instructional facilitators
17 should be removed from foundation funding and funded in a separate
18 educational category. The study should include:
19 How public schools and school districts use instructional facilitators;
20 Whether that use corresponds to the guidelines developed by the Department of
21 Education; and
22 What schools and school districts spend for instructional facilitators and
23 the source of those funds.
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25 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the House and Senate Interim Committees on
26 Education prepare a report detailing the results of the study on or before
27 May 1, 2008.
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