

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Dawson**

H.R. 1011

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE ROLE OF CERTIFIED SCHOOL
9 COUNSELORS OF ARKANSAS IN THE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
10 IN YOUTH SUICIDE.
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13 WHEREAS, the quality of counseling services provided to youth in the
14 school setting is recognized as one of the most valuable tools in the
15 promotion of healthy self-esteem among the children of Arkansas; and

16 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is concerned about the national
17 and statewide suicide rate among youth; and

18 WHEREAS, certified school counselor conducted youth-oriented suicide
19 prevention and intervention programs along with the active promotion by
20 certified school counselors of school district crisis management plans have
21 proven to be effective in suicide prevention and averting further tragedies
22 after a youth suicide has occurred; and

23 WHEREAS, the value of counseling services to youth in the school setting
24 is recognized after a suicide takes place, as evidenced by the call for
25 additional trained counselors to be available on-site to assist friends,
26 classmates and relatives during the aftermath of tragedy; and

27 WHEREAS, the certified school counselors of Arkansas are trained first
28 and foremost to use their expertise in counseling at-risk students;
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31 NOW THEREFORE,

32 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
33 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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35 THAT the House of Representatives supports the role of school counselors

1 as established in the Arkansas Educational Standards Act of 1983 as well as
2 the professional standards and code of ethics of the American School Counselor
3 Association;

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives advocates the
6 removal of activities where possible from the work load of school counselors
7 which prevent them from utilizing their professional expertise in counseling
8 the children in the schools of this state; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives gives its
11 support to the certified school counselors of the state in the furtherance of
12 their professional role as preventers of youth suicide, as intervenors in
13 crisis situations, and as promoters of positive mental health and self-esteem
14 among the children and youth of this state.

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/s/ John Dawson

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