

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Smith**

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 URGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT
9 PROCEDURES WHICH PROTECT THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF STUDENTS
10 PARTICIPATING IN FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS PROGRAMS.

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13 WHEREAS, students in the public schools of this state which qualify for
14 free or reduced price meals should be encouraged to participate fully in such
15 program; and

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17 WHEREAS, participation by a student is frequently perceived by the
18 student's peers as a negative reflection on the participating student,
19 resulting in the attachment of a poor social stigma and negative stereotyping;
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22 WHEREAS, the children of this state are too frequently faced with
23 circumstances which lead to low self-esteem; and

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25 WHEREAS, negative stereotyping and low self-esteem in the children of
26 this state is unacceptable in a free, democratic society which strives to
27 encourage improvement and betterment of all its citizens;

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30 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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34 THAT the school districts of this state are urged, with the technical
35 assistance provided by the State Department of Education, to devise, adopt and

1 implement procedures which protect the privacy rights of students
2 participating in the free or reduced price meal programs in the public schools
3 of this state.

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