

1 **State of Arkansas**
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

7 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO APPOINT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
9 PLANNING TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEED FOR A UNIFORM AND
10 COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND
11 POLICY.

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15 WHEREAS, the current economic development policies of the State of
16 Arkansas are fragmented and under the jurisdiction of a multitude of State
17 government agencies, AIDC, ADFA, DFA, ESD, etc., with no open lines of
18 communication between the government bureaucrats and the private sector
19 business people; and

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21 WHEREAS, this hodgepodge of State agencies makes it extremely difficult
22 for the State to plan and organize an economic development policy and to
23 coordinate and manage a comprehensive industrial recruitment and economic
24 development effort; and

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26 WHEREAS, the formation of industrial development and economic growth
27 policies for the State of Arkansas over the next ten (10) years and on into
28 the Twenty-First century are of vital interest to the Governor, the Arkansas
29 General Assembly and the people of the State; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly as a policy-making body for the
32 people of the State of Arkansas should take a leading role in the development
33 and formulation of any economic and industrial development plan for the next
34 decade and on into the next Century,

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2 NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

4 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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6 THAT the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development
7 is requested to appoint an Economic Development Planning Task Force to study
8 the need for a uniform and comprehensive statewide economic development policy
9 coordinated by single State agency with a coherent chain of command and with
10 programs comprehensible by the people of the State of Arkansas;

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Co-Chairmen of the Joint Interim
13 Committee shall appoint a Task Force to consist of five (5) members of the
14 Committee, two (2) from the Senate and three (3) from the House, five (5)
15 representatives of the state agencies involved with economic development, and
16 five (5) members of the private sector business community to conduct the study
17 and hold public hearings under the auspices of the Joint Interim Committee.

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