

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Representative Owens**

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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE  
9 BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT  
10 CURRENT VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF  
11 STUDY BE CONTINUED BY GRANTING WAIVERS OF CERTAIN ACADEMIC  
12 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING AREA  
13 VOCATIONAL CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OR BY SUCH OTHER  
14 MEANS AS THE BOARDS SHALL DEVISE.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 REQUESTING THE STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL  
18 EDUCATION TO ENSURE THAT CURRENT VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL  
19 EDUCATION PROGRAMS BE CONTINUED.

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21 WHEREAS, the economy of the State of Arkansas is increasingly dependent  
22 upon the technical preparation of Arkansans in the fields of business, health  
23 care, industry, and agriculture; and

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25 WHEREAS, in recent years extra efforts have been made to insure that all  
26 secondary students in Arkansas high schools have the opportunity to receive  
27 technical education and training; and

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29 WHEREAS, many students dedicate considerable amounts of time and effort,  
30 often commuting more than an hour each day, to attend one of the state's  
31 fifteen (15) area vocational centers for the purpose of receiving special  
32 vocational and technical training unavailable in their local schools; and

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34 WHEREAS, state board members are proposing that more time be scheduled  
35 for secondary students in academic subjects, decreasing the amount of time

1 that a student will have available for vocational and technical education and  
2 training; and

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4       WHEREAS, meeting these academic requirements will be a financial burden  
5 to some students and their parents by forcing them to purchase technical  
6 education and training from postsecondary institutions rather than acquiring  
7 the education and training from area vocational centers.

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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13       THAT vocational and technical education is so important to the welfare  
14 of Arkansans and the State of Arkansas that the State Board of Education and  
15 the State Board of Vocational Education are hereby requested to ensure  
16 continued participation in current vocational and technical education programs  
17 of study by granting waivers of certain academic graduation requirements to  
18 high school students attending area vocational centers throughout the state or  
19 by such other means as the boards shall devise.

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