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Call Item 4

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5 By: Representative Fite
6 By: Senator Broadway
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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 ENCOURAGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO VOLUNTARILY
11 UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN THE
12 OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 VOLUNTARILY UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO
17 PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN THE OPERATION OF
18 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
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21 WHEREAS, the State has a constitutional mandate to "maintain a general,
22 suitable, and efficient system of free public schools . . ." Ark. Const. Art.
23 14, §1; and
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25 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has undertaken measures to ensure that
26 the State is in compliance with the constitutional mandate and will
27 continually assess the State's compliance; and
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29 WHEREAS, school districts should continually assess their role in
30 contributing to the efficiency of the State's system of education; and
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32 WHEREAS, school districts should voluntarily enter into efficiency and
33 adequacy units with other school districts, education service cooperatives,
34 and institutions of higher education to share programs, resources, and
35 personnel; and
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1 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should adopt incentives for school
2 districts that voluntarily create efficiency and adequacy units,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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8 THAT the General Assembly encourages school districts to create
9 efficiency and adequacy units for the purpose of:

10 (1) Sharing certified personnel, classified personnel,
11 curriculum and programs, administrators, maintenance and operation costs,
12 purchasing power through contracts and bids, or any other operation of the
13 school in which efficiencies can be obtained through cooperation;

14 (2) Developing plans for enhanced and increased educational
15 opportunities;

16 (3) Ensuring collaboration among the participating school
17 districts, the higher education institution partners, and the education
18 service cooperative partners;

19 (4) Actively encouraging involvement of parents, guardians,
20 community members, and business leaders; and

21 (5) Collecting data necessary to evaluate the progress of the
22 participating school districts toward providing an efficient and adequate
23 education and increasing educational opportunities.

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25 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly encourages the adoption
26 of legislation that provides incentives and rewards to school districts that
27 voluntarily create efficiency and adequacy units or undertake other measures
28 that promote efficiency in the operation of the school district.