

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-013

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By: Representative Kenney
By: Senators Bisbee, Argue, Baker, J. Jeffress, Bryles, Hendren, Broadway, G. Jeffress

Referred to the
Education Committee- House
by the House of Representatives
on 03/15/2007

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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57 ADEQUACY STUDY, THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM
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WHEREAS, alternative learning environments serve public school students
who need a different learning environment based on social or behavioral
factors that make learning difficult in the traditional classroom environment
and who are therefore at risk of failing to achieve an appropriate level of
academic achievement or of dropping out of school; and



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WHEREAS, according to a 2006 study conducted by the Bureau of Legislative Research, alternative learning environments in Arkansas vary widely in their methods of delivering instructional and behavioral assistance to those students; and

WHEREAS, while a few programs in Arkansas have been successfully using best practices as identified in research and literature, other programs are less successful, or are used by schools as punitive measures for either the students or the teachers assigned to those programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has few resources for monitoring and assisting these alternative learning environments,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education conduct a study to determine what the best practices for alternative learning environments are, how those best practices can be implemented statewide, and what resources are needed to implement alternative learning environments that provide the students in those programs with the opportunity for an adequate education.

BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education prepare a report detailing the results of the study on or before May 1, 2008.

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