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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO URGE THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE POLITICAL  
9 SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, PUBLICLY  
10 FUNDED AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES  
11 TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN BY KEEPING THIS  
12 PROMISE TO ARKANSAS'S CHILDREN.  
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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN BY  
17 KEEPING THIS PROMISE TO ARKANSAS'S  
18 CHILDREN.  
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20 WHEREAS, children have become increasingly targeted at younger ages for  
21 adults' sexual messages, images, and themes; and  
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23 WHEREAS, cultural forces, including social media and entertainment, and  
24 government-sponsored initiatives at the federal, state, and local levels  
25 expose children to explicit, sexual content; and  
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27 WHEREAS, international and domestic activities infuse public school  
28 curricula with graphic information about sex and abortion, and with political  
29 ideologies or policies concerning sexual orientation and gender identity; and  
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31 WHEREAS, federal legislation could override efforts of concerned  
32 parents and community members at the local level; and  
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34 WHEREAS, federal legislation may penalize Americans, including parents,  
35 who disagree with these ideologies and policies; and  
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1           WHEREAS, children are constantly learning and are particularly  
2 influenced by the trusted adults in their lives; and

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4           WHEREAS, children’s minds are treasures to nurture and help grow; and

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6           WHEREAS, what children learn can determine their success or failure,  
7 their ability to properly assess risk, and their vulnerability to  
8 exploitation; and

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10          WHEREAS, children’s bodies should be honored, protected, and given the  
11 chance to develop naturally; and

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13          WHEREAS, children’s privacy and physical safety should not be  
14 sacrificed for the sake of political ideology or policy; and

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16          WHEREAS, adults responsible for children are charged with protecting  
17 and caring for their bodies; and

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19          WHEREAS, the safest place for a child is with his or her loving and  
20 involved parents; and

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22          WHEREAS, political or ideological efforts to drive wedges between  
23 children and parents are not healthy; and

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25          WHEREAS, every child deserves protection from use in or exposure to  
26 pornography and graphic sexual content or activities, including in media and  
27 on the internet; and

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29          WHEREAS, every child deserves an education suited for his or her  
30 specific needs and development as guided by his or her parents, including one  
31 free of graphic sexual curricula or content, the promotion of abortion, and  
32 politicized ideas about sexual orientation and gender identity; and

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34          WHEREAS, to protect this right, all public school sexual education  
35 programs should be opt-in, and voluntarily chosen by parents; and

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1 WHEREAS, a general opt-out should be provided for other sensitive  
2 topics families do not believe appropriate for their children; and

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4 WHEREAS, parents should have the right to review all curricula, reading  
5 material, teacher’s guides, and computer programs or applications; and

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7 WHEREAS, every child deserves the right to free speech, to either speak  
8 or not speak, and to affirm or not affirm messages or ideas that violate his  
9 or her beliefs or conscience; and

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11 WHEREAS, every child deserves safety and privacy in sex-specific  
12 spaces, including locker rooms, showers, and restrooms at schools and other  
13 publicly funded facilities; and

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15 WHEREAS, every child deserves the opportunity to participate in fair  
16 and safe athletic competitions, and female athletes should not be forced to  
17 compete against biological males in sports competitions intended for  
18 biological females; and

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20 WHEREAS, every child deserves the opportunity to be affirmed in his or  
21 her genetically determined sex, and to receive support throughout puberty and  
22 other natural adolescent changes that shape physical maturity and  
23 reproductive capacity; and

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25 WHEREAS, gender reassignment medical treatments, including puberty  
26 blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sterilizing surgeries, are neither natural  
27 nor healthy, and should not be permitted for minors; and

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29 WHEREAS, each child deserves to have his or her parents informed of and  
30 involved in important life decisions; and

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32 WHEREAS, authority figures, including teachers, counselors, or medical  
33 professionals, should not withhold information about a child’s sexual  
34 activity, development, or identity from parents, nor take any action  
35 undermining the parents’ role in guiding the child in these areas, nor should  
36 authority figures encourage or coerce a child to withhold information about

1 important life decisions from the parent; and

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3 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas should to the fullest extent possible  
4 under the law resist every attempt or mandate by the federal government to  
5 force anyone in Arkansas to violate the principles set forth in this  
6 resolution,

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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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12 THAT the Senate urge the State of Arkansas, all state agencies, the  
13 political subdivisions of the State of Arkansas, publicly funded agencies,  
14 public schools and open enrollment charter schools, organizations, and their  
15 employees, to protect the welfare of every child in Arkansas as guided by  
16 this resolution.

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate adopt this resolution as a  
19 promise to Arkansas's children to protect the welfare of every child and  
20 directs that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the administrative  
21 head of each state agency, including the secretary of each cabinet-level  
22 department, to be shared with all employees under his or her leadership.

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