

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-006

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6 By: Representative Walters

7 Referred to the

8 Education Committee- House

9 by the House of Representatives

10 on 03/07/2007

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13 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

14 REQUESTING THAT IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE 2006 ACT
15 57 ADEQUACY STUDY, THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM
16 COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY TO
17 DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF
18 CERTIFIED TEACHERS AVAILABLE IN THE JOB MARKET TO
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22 **Subtitle**

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30 WHEREAS, the educational adequacy funding matrix allocates fifty-nine
31 dollars (\$59.00) per pupil for substitute teachers in the foundation funding
32 amount provided under Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305; and

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34 WHEREAS, the results of site visits in 2006 by Lawrence O. Picus and
35 Associates and the Bureau of Legislative Research, as well as a report by the
36 Department of Education indicate that the public school district expenditures

1 on salaries for substitute teachers may be too low to attract certified
2 teachers; and

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4 WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind Act requires that long-term
5 substitute teachers meet the definition of "highly qualified"; and

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7 WHEREAS, research to date has raised the question as to whether there
8 are a sufficient number of certified teachers available for employment as
9 substitutes; and

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11 WHEREAS, additional information is needed regarding all of these
12 factors to determine whether the amount of funding provided in the foundation
13 funding formula is sufficient for educational adequacy,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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19 THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education conduct a
20 study to determine whether there are sufficient numbers of certified teachers
21 in the job market to meet school district needs for substitute teachers. The
22 study should include:

23 (a) How many substitute teachers are needed, including state and
24 federal requirements;

25 (b) What the qualifications of those substitute teachers should be;

26 (c) How many certified teachers are available for employment as
27 substitutes;

28 (d) What factors lead a certified teacher to seek employment (or
29 decide not to seek employment) as a substitute, including without limitation
30 salary, certification, retirement implications, location, years of
31 experience, and subject matter expertise; and

32 (e) Any other factors that the House and Senate Interim Committees on
33 Education should consider for purposes of educational adequacy.

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35 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the House and Senate Interim Committees on
36 Education prepare a report detailing the results of the study on or before

1 May 1, 2008.

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