

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-181

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
4 EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE
5 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, INCLUDING THE SCHOOLS' STUDENTS, ACADEMIC
6 POLICIES, FUNDING, AND OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS.
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8 WHEREAS, the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for
9 the Blind have a long history in the state; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for
12 the Blind play vital roles in the education of Arkansas citizens; and
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14 WHEREAS, a formal study of practices and policies is needed to ensure
15 that the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind
16 are capable of maintaining the success they have historically achieved; and
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18 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the state to utilize the
19 information gathered during the study in making future decisions that assist
20 the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind,
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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 THAT the House Committee on Education, with the assistance of the
27 Arkansas School for the Deaf, the Arkansas School for the Blind, and the
28 Department of Education conduct a study of the Arkansas School for the Deaf
29 and the Arkansas School for the Blind, including the schools' students,
30 academic policies, funding, and other important matters.
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32 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED, that the House Committee on Education study
33 include, at a minimum:

- 34 (a) Student demographic data;
35 (b) Student achievement rates, including the rigor of curriculum;
36 (c) Discipline policies;

- 1 (d) Facility conditions;
- 2 (e) Overall financial conditions;
- 3 (f) Governance policies; and
- 4 (g) Staffing.

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6 Respectfully submitted,

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10 Representative Richard Carroll

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