

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-203

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3 REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE HOUSE  
4 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
5 FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS.  
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7 WHEREAS, public education is of paramount importance to the State of  
8 Arkansas; and  
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10 WHEREAS, citizen involvement, participation, comment, and understanding  
11 of policies and issues presented before the State Board of Education is vital  
12 to the success of public education in Arkansas; and  
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14 WHEREAS, to encourage citizen involvement and participation in issues  
15 pertaining to public education, public meeting facilities for State Board of  
16 Education meetings must be able to accommodate such citizens; and  
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18 WHEREAS, there is a concern that the current public meeting facilities  
19 utilized for State Board of Education meetings are inadequate and unable to  
20 accommodate all individuals that desire to become involved in matters before  
21 the State Board of Education,  
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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE HOUSE  
25 INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
26 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 THAT the Committees conduct a study of the public meeting facilities  
29 provided for the State Board of Education meetings.  
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31 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED, that the Committees' study include, at a  
32 minimum:

- 33 (a) A review of the current public meeting facilities; and  
34 (b) A review of alternative public meeting facilities that may be  
35 available.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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