

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-001

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3 REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM
4 STUDY OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A PARENT TO BE INVOLVED IN HIS OR
5 HER CHILD'S EDUCATION, INCLUDING WHETHER THE STATE SHOULD
6 PENALIZE A PARENT FOR FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CHILD'S
7 EDUCATION.

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9 WHEREAS, the lack of parental involvement is one (1) of the biggest
10 problems facing public schools; and

11 WHEREAS, parents of high-achieving students set higher standards for
12 their children's educational activities than parents of low-achieving
13 students; and

14 WHEREAS, research shows that the most consistent predictors of
15 children's academic achievement and social adjustment are parent expectations
16 of the child's academic attainment and satisfaction with their child's
17 education at school; and

18 WHEREAS, research also shows that when parents are involved students
19 have higher grades, higher test scores, higher graduation rates, improved
20 school attendance, increased motivation, better self-esteem, lower rates of
21 suspension, less drug and alcohol abuse, and fewer instances of violent
22 behavior; and

23 WHEREAS, the earlier and the more that parents participate in a
24 sustained way in their child's schooling in advocacy, decision-making
25 oversight, and other roles, the more beneficial are the student achievement
26 effects,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH
30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32 THAT the interim House Committee On Education conduct an interim study
33 of the responsibility of a parent to be involved in his or her child's
34 education, including whether the state should penalize a parent for failure
35 to participate in the education of a child.

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