

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-234

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE HOUSE
4 INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE
5 ALIGNMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL END-OF-COURSE EXAMS WITH THE ACT.
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7 WHEREAS, students must learn, study, and prepare for end-of-course
8 exams in basic subjects such as mathematics and English; and
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10 WHEREAS, at the same time, students must learn, study, and prepare for
11 the ACT or other college readiness exams for admission to institutions of
12 higher education; and
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14 WHEREAS, it can be extremely difficult for students to find time to
15 learn, study, and prepare for both the end-of-course exams and the ACT or
16 other college readiness exams when the exams are not aligned; and
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18 WHEREAS, it may be possible for the end-of-course exams and the ACT or
19 other college readiness exams to align in a manner that would allow the
20 student to learn, study, and prepare for all exams in a more expedient and
21 efficient manner while preserving the core principals of each subject,
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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH
25 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council direct the House Interim
28 Committee on Education to study the alignment of end-of-course exams in high
29 school and the ACT or other college readiness exams.
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31 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED, that the House Interim Committee on Education
32 study include, at a minimum:

33 (a) Core learning principals included on end-of-course exams, with
34 explanation and information from the Department of Education;

35 (b) Core learning principals included on the ACT or other college
36 readiness exams, with explanation and information from the Department of

Education and the Department of Higher Education; and

(c) Strategies for aligning core learning principals required for success on end-of-course exams with those required for success on the ACT and other college readiness exams.

Respectfully submitted,

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