

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY OF HOW THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL-NEEDS CHILDREN SHOULD BE DIVIDED BETWEEN A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE STATE.

WHEREAS, many local school districts have been called upon to provide a broad range of special programs and services to meet the needs of a child with physical or emotional disabilities;

WHEREAS, the financial burden of providing some of these programs may have a great impact on a school district's ability to maintain its general programs; and

WHEREAS, the special needs of children with physical or emotional disabilities might be better met if some of the responsibility for funding special programs is shifted to the state,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Joint Interim Committee on Education is requested during the 1987-89 biennium to study the financial responsibility of local school districts for providing programs for children with special needs and to determine the extent to which the State should share in this responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Department of Education is requested to provide such information as may be necessary for the study of this issue.