

By: Representative Thicksten

H.C.R. 1003

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURE TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE UNDULY BURDENSOME ON THE CLASSROOM TEACHERS OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the classroom teachers of Arkansas are dedicated to the furtherance of educational reform in this State; and

WHEREAS, certain reform measures have resulted in the State Department of Education compiling information to evaluate and report on the progress of the reform movement; and

WHEREAS, such reporting when added to former reporting requirements has placed an undue burden on the classroom teachers of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in such paperwork requirements would be beneficial to both students and classroom teachers by permitting teachers to devote more time to their students;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the House of Representatives and the Senate urge the State Department of Education to take immediate measures to identify and modify or eliminate those reporting requirements imposed upon classroom teachers which currently interfere with the normal functioning of classrooms in the State of Arkansas to permit our professional educators to return to that task which they do best - teaching the children of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution a copy hereof be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House to Dr. Ruth Steele, Director of General Education, State Board of Education.

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