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By: Representative Hawkins

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

"REQUESTING PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ASSESS THE CHILD CARE NEEDS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND PERMIT USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE."

WHEREAS, child care is a critical issue which impacts the economic stability of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, according to the 1980 Census there were approximately 159,770 children ages 6-12 years with mothers in the labor force in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, there exists in Arkansas a shortage of affordable, quality child care for school-age children; and

WHEREAS, local public school districts are in a particularly appropriate position to help resolve these critical shortages by allowing use of public school facilities by community groups or by sponsoring an in-house program;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

The public school administrators and boards of directors of local school districts should explore local options to meet the school-age child care needs in their communities and, if it is in the interest of the community, should allow use of local public school facilities for school-age child care.