

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO ESTABLISH
AND IMPLEMENT AN ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND ABATEMENT CORRECTIONAL
INDUSTRIES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has a team of specially trained inmates who are saving that state hundreds of thousands of dollars while learning valuable job skills by removing asbestos from correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, there is a current shortage of certified persons to remove asbestos from public buildings pursuant to federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has a current need to remove asbestos from a large number of state-owned buildings; and

WHEREAS, the field of asbestos removal is one in which training and certification under Federal EPA guidelines will enhance employment opportunities for an inmate upon return to society; and

WHEREAS, an industries program in asbestos removal and abatement could result in savings to the state of at least fifty percent (50%) of the costs of asbestos removal from state-owned buildings;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Arkansas Department of Correction establish and implement an asbestos removal and abatement program in the correctional industries division of the department to assist the state in asbestos removal in state-owned

buildings.