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By: Senators Beebe and Fitch

SENATE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE DESEGREGATION LITIGATION OVERSIGHT

SUBCOMMITTEE AND PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

There is hereby established the Desegregation Litigation Oversight Subcommittee of the General Assembly which shall have the authority and duty to monitor the implementation of the Pulaski County Desegregation Case Settlement Agreement and to monitor the state's participation in any future desegregation case in which the Department of Education and/or the State Board of Education is a defendant. The Committee shall consist of two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore and two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. At least one member from the Senate and at least one member from the House shall be a lawyer. The Department of Education and the Attorney General shall report regularly to the Oversight Committee on implementation of the Settlement Agreement on any future desegregation litigation involving the state of Arkansas. Neither the Department of Education nor the Attorney General shall enter into a final settlement of any future desegregation litigation without seeking the advice of the Oversight Committee.

The Arkansas Department of Education will provide reports to the Joint Interim Committee on Education regarding the implementation of the Pulaski County School Desegregation Case Settlement Agreement on a quarterly basis and at such other times as may be necessary to keep the Committee fully advised on these matters.