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CALL ITEM 221001

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

THAT YOUNG JUVENILE FIRST OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF NON-VIOLENT  
CRIMES BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY FOR PLACEMENT IN BOOT CAMP  
PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

WHEREAS, intensive incarceration programs commonly referred to as  
boot camp programs have been implemented in several states; and

WHEREAS, the boot camp programs of incarceration have demonstrated a  
great degree of success in reducing the rate of recidivism for the young,  
impressionable, first-time offenders; and

WHEREAS, early intervention utilizing a paramilitary training program  
accompanied by a multifaceted behavior modification program for young  
offenders would be a cost effective method for the State of Arkansas to  
avoid repeated extended imprisonment of eligible offenders; and

WHEREAS, the boot camp program is most amenable to the young offender  
under eighteen years of age; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is experiencing an increase in the  
amount of crime being committed by persons under eighteen years of age;

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:

THAT young juvenile first offenders convicted of non-violent crimes be  
given first priority for placement in boot camp programs within the Department  
of Correction.