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By: Senator Malone

S.C.R. 4

CALL ITEM 86

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE
CRITERIA FOR COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH SERVICES CENTERS.

WHEREAS, current criteria for commitment to the Youth Services Centers is broad and vague and oftentimes results in unnecessary and inappropriate commitments; and

WHEREAS, increasing commitment rates to the state's Youth Services Centers may require additional facilities and staff; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Youth Services Center personnel, officers of the court, and other interested parties meet in order to clarify the criteria for commitment to the Youth Services Centers; and

WHEREAS, the best method to accomplish this is for the Governor to appoint a special committee of the interested parties in order to provide a forum for the parties involved to come together for mutual understanding,
NOW THEREFORE,

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

That the Governor is hereby requested to appoint a committee to review and recommend changes in the criteria for commitment to the Youth Services Centers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be composed of a representative of the Youth Services Board, a prosecuting attorney, a juvenile judge, a representative of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Arkansas Department of Human Services, a representative of the Juvenile Probation Officers Association, and a representative of the Youth Services Providers Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be appointed as soon as possible and that it complete its business no later than September 30, 1990.