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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

8 URGING THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD IN
9 COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
10 HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ASSESS THE CURRENT
11 STATUS OF PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES IN
12 THE STATE TO ASSURE THAT ALL PARENTS HAVE ACCESS TO
13 EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES THAT WILL ASSIST THEM IN
14 ACQUIRING PARENTING SKILLS, LEARNING ABOUT CHILD
15 DEVELOPMENT AND RESPONDING APPROPRIATELY TO THE BEHAVIOR
16 OF THEIR CHILDREN.

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Subtitle

19 URGING A STUDY OF PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS OFFERED IN
20 ARKANSAS.

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22 WHEREAS, Parenting Education Programs have been identified as a
23 prevention measure particularly for those parents who are at high-risk for
24 child maltreatment and other poor childhood outcomes such as juvenile
25 delinquency, poor school performance and low self esteem; and

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27 WHEREAS, numerous judges are requiring parents of adjudicated youth to
28 attend parenting classes; and

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30 WHEREAS, it is believed that classes presently offered vary
31 significantly from provider to provider and may or may not cover skills that
32 are necessary to respond appropriately to the behavior of children; and

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34 WHEREAS, no single state agency or service provider is responsible for,
35 or aware of the current status of, parenting education programs and resources

1 in the state; and

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3 WHEREAS, The Arkansas Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, the
4 Department of Health, the Department of Education, and the Department of
5 Human Services, among other service providers, either fund or directly
6 provide parenting education programs:

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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13 THAT the Arkansas Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board in
14 cooperation with the Department Of Health, the Department of Education and
15 The Department of Human Services, are hereby urged to conduct a study to
16 determine the current parenting education programs available in the state,
17 develop a comprehensive listing of such programs, assess the adequacy of the
18 current delivery system, and determine the critical components or elements
19 central to a successful parenting education program.

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21 THAT this study should also develop a working definition of parenting
22 education and support which details the scope of services that need to be
23 available for a successful parenting education program and present a
24 strategic plan for the development of a statewide network of community-based
25 parenting education programs that respond to identified needs and standards.

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28 THAT oversight of the study be provided by the Integrated Family
29 Service Council with recommendations from the study being submitted to the
30 Joint Committee on Children and Youth of the Arkansas General Assembly no
31 later than March 15, 1996.

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