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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO  
9 DETERMINE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE STATE BOARD  
10 OF EDUCATION ACTION RAISING THE REQUIRED GRADE POINT  
11 AVERAGE FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR  
12 ACTIVITIES TO 2.0.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION  
17 RAISING THE REQUIRED GPA FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN  
18 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO 2.0.

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20 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education several years ago issued a  
21 regulation to the effect that public school students enrolled in secondary  
22 schools must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) to participate in  
23 extracurricular activities; and

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25 WHEREAS, the overall goal of the State Board of Education regulation  
26 was to give athletes and other students an incentive to improve academic  
27 performance; and

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29 WHEREAS, many witnesses at public hearings held by the Attorney  
30 General's Youth Gang Task Force testified that young people are now joining  
31 gangs for the same reasons as students who participate in extracurricular  
32 school activities, including to gain a sense of belonging and to gain  
33 confidence and self-esteem; and

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35 WHEREAS, it is the impression of the general public that grade point

1 averages and the number of students participating in extracurricular school  
2 activities are declining while incidents of youth violence and gang  
3 activities are increasing; and

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5 WHEREAS, statistical information on extracurricular activity  
6 participation rates, grade point average, school dropout rates, and juvenile  
7 crime are necessary to determine positive and negative effects of raising the  
8 required GPA for student participation in extracurricular activities from 1.5  
9 to 2.0 might have had on the rise in juvenile crime.

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11 NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
13 OF ARKANSAS:

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15 That the Joint Interim Committee on Education conduct a study in  
16 conjunction with the State Department of Education, the Arkansas Activities  
17 Association, and the Administrative Office of the Courts to determine the  
18 positive and negative effects of the State Board of Education action in  
19 raising the required GPA for student participation in extracurricular  
20 activities to 2.0.

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