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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 URGING ARKANSAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OFFER SPANISH AS A
9 FOREIGN LANGUAGE TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE (9)
10 THROUGH TWELVE (12).

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12 **Subtitle**

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17 WHEREAS, the number of persons settling in Arkansas who are Hispanic
18 immigrants or are of Hispanic background is rapidly increasing; and

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20 WHEREAS, since the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement
21 (NAFTA), it is becoming obvious that those persons in Arkansas who are
22 proficient in the Spanish language have economic and cultural advantages over
23 persons who are not; and

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25 WHEREAS, if Spanish were offered as a foreign language in more local
26 school districts, students in Arkansas will be better prepared to live and
27 work in the Twenty-First (21st) Century.

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
31 OF ARKANSAS:

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33 THAT the members of the Senate of the Arkansas General Assembly hereby
34 urge local school districts in Arkansas to offer Spanish as a foreign
35 language to students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT the members of the Senate urge the State Board of Education, the State Board of Higher Education, and the public colleges and universities to do all things necessary to ensure that local school districts are able to establish or improve foreign language instruction and that adequate numbers of teachers certified to teach Spanish are available for employment.

