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4 By: Representatives Pollan, Flanagan, and Molinaro

5 By: Senators Bradford and Ross

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

8 RESOLVING THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES OF THE  
9 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR, THE  
10 SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE  
11 ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY  
12 AFFAIRS, A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
13 PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR, AND A SENATE  
14 SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
15 SHALL JOINTLY OVERSEE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT  
17 OF EDUCATION AND ANY OTHER STATE AGENCIES IN REGARD TO  
18 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TEENAGE PREGNANCIES AND  
19 OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

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### Subtitle

22 TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF  
23 STATE AGENCY ACTIVITIES IN REGARD TO  
24 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TEENAGE  
25 PREGNANCIES AND OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS IN  
26 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

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28 WHEREAS, the state of Arkansas has one of the highest rates of teenage  
29 pregnancies and out-of-wedlock births in the nation;

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31 WHEREAS, the poverty cycle in which many teenage parents and single  
32 parents are trapped costs the state millions of dollars in public assistance;

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34 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has responsibility for appropriating  
35 taxpayer dollars in an informed and responsible manner;

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1 WHEREAS, reducing the number of teenage pregnancies and out-of-wedlock  
2 births in the state could result in increased federal funding for welfare  
3 reform, thereby alleviating some burden on State financial resources;

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5 WHEREAS, numerous state agencies should be involved in a cooperative  
6 effort with the General Assembly to reduce the number of teenage pregnancies  
7 and out-of-wedlock births in the state.

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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13 THAT the Subcommittee on Health Services of the House Committee on  
14 Public Health, Welfare and Labor, the Subcommittee on Children and Youth of  
15 the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military  
16 Affairs, a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and  
17 labor, and a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Children and Youth shall  
18 oversee the activities of the Department of Health, the Department of Human  
19 Services, the Department of Education and any other state agencies in regard  
20 to reducing the number of teenage pregnancies and out-of-wedlock births in the  
21 state of Arkansas.

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23 FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the lead author of this Resolution shall preside  
24 over the joint meetings of the subcommittees overseeing state agency  
25 activities in regard to reducing the number of teenage pregnancies and out-of-  
26 wedlock births in the state of Arkansas.

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