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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON
9 INSURANCE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY WHICH SHALL
10 EXAMINE VARIOUS ISSUES IN REGARD TO INSURANCE COVERAGE OF
11 ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND DEVICES FOR PERSONS WITH
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23 WHEREAS, the rapid growth of rehabilitation engineering and the
24 development of assistive technology services and devices can be a leading
25 factor in increased independence and functioning of persons with disabilities;
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27 WHEREAS, both the rate of persons with severe disabilities per 1,000
28 population and the rate of adults with disabilities that prevent or limit work
29 within Arkansas exceed those of the nation; and

30 WHEREAS, other states are developing projects for persons with
31 significant disabilities that can impart information and models about
32 transforming insurance coverage from fee-for-service systems to capitated
33 managed care systems; and

34 WHEREAS, utilizing cost-effective mechanisms in the provision of health
35 insurance coverage is of continuing interest to the House and Senate Interim
36 Committees on Insurance and Commerce,

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

THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Insurance and Commerce conduct a study which shall examine the following issues in regard to coverage of medically necessary assistive technology services and devices/durable medical equipment for adults with disabilities: (1) identifying successful models of assistive technology services delivery and financing; and (2) reviewing current Arkansas regulations as to potential mechanisms that would result in increased cost-effectiveness in the provision of medically necessary assistive technology services and devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Increasing Capabilities Access Network of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services should assist the House and Senate Interim Committees on Insurance and Commerce in conducting the study regarding assistive technology services and devices and should, in conjunction with the study, review any proposals or regulations affecting the provision of assistive technology services and devices for persons with disabilities.

