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## 7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE SENATE AND HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON  
9 EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY ON PROMOTING THE  
10 GREATER USE OF ARKANSAS S SYSTEM OF POST-SECONDARY  
11 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE TRAINING  
12 PROGRAMS NEEDED BY NEW AND EXPANDING BUSINESSES AND  
13 INDUSTRIES IN THE STATE.  
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### 15 **Subtitle**

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17 THE GREATER USE OF ARKANSAS S SYSTEM OF  
18 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO  
19 PROVIDE WORKFORCE TRAINING FOR NEW AND  
20 EXPANDING BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES.  
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22 WHEREAS, Arkansas has tremendous educational resources available in its  
23 system of post-secondary educational institutions; including two-year  
24 community colleges, technical colleges, technical institutes and vocational-  
25 technical schools; which provide learning opportunities for thousands of the  
26 states citizens each year; and

27 WHEREAS, Arkansas s post-secondary educational resources are well  
28 utilized now to deliver associate degree programs and, in many cases, to offer  
29 students convenient and affordable access to college courses transferable to  
30 four-year institutions; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to their many successes, Arkansas s system of post-  
32 secondary educational institutions holds the potential to become a tremendous  
33 economic development tool by providing specialized training to meet the  
34 particular needs of businesses and industries across the state; and

35 WHEREAS, other states have meshed the programs available through post-  
36 secondary educational institutions with the needs of businesses and industries



1 to establish a dynamic and successful economic development strategy; and

2 WHEREAS, the opportunity for Arkansans to pursue post-secondary  
3 educational opportunities may improve significantly if President Clinton is  
4 successful in instituting one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) a year  
5 tax credit for students who enroll in two-year schools; and

6 WHEREAS, as workforce development in decades past has depended on worker  
7 training provided by public educational institutions, todays worker requires  
8 higher levels of training and a strong learning foundation on which to build  
9 future skills that will be needed in the fast-changing work place of the 21st  
10 Century.

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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16 THAT an interim study is requested of the Senate and House Interim  
17 Committees on Education to review options and make recommendations on how to  
18 bring about a closer working relationship between post-secondary educational  
19 institutions and private sector businesses and industries in order to deliver  
20 the training necessary to meet immediate workforce demands and to offer  
21 students new opportunities to improve themselves and their communities  
22 economically and intellectually for decades to come.

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