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8 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

9 "REQUESTING THE *HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON*
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20 WHEREAS, States differ substantially in demographics in school
21 governance, and in school finance and funding. The administrative and funding
22 mechanisms that help schools in one state improve may not prove successful in
23 other states; and
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25 WHEREAS, Although the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 and other
26 federal education statutes afford flexibility to state and local educational
27 agencies in implementing federal programs, certain requirements of federal
28 education statutes or regulations may impede local efforts to reform and
29 improve education; and
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31 WHEREAS, By granting waivers of certain statutory and regulatory
32 requirements, the federal government can remove impediments for local
33 educational agencies in implementing educational reforms and raising the
34 achievement levels of all children; and
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36 WHEREAS, State educational agencies are closer to local school systems,

1 implement statewide educational reforms with both federal and state funds, and
2 are responsible for maintaining accountability for local activities consistent
3 with state standards and assessment systems. Therefore, state educational
4 agencies are often in the best position to align waivers of federal and state
5 requirements with state and local initiatives; and

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7 WHEREAS, The Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Act allows
8 state educational agencies the flexibility to waive certain federal
9 requirements, along with related state requirements, but allows only twelve
10 (12) states to qualify for such waivers; and

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12 WHEREAS, Expansion of waiver authority will allow for the waiver of
13 statutory and regulatory requirements that impede implementation of state and
14 local educational improvement plans, or that unnecessarily burden program
15 administration, while maintaining the intent and purposes of affected
16 programs, and maintaining such fundamental requirements as those relating to
17 civil rights, educational equity, and accountability; and

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19 WHEREAS, To achieve the state goals for the education of children in the
20 state, the focus must be on results in raising the achievement of all
21 students.

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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27 THAT the *House and Senate Interim Committees on Education* review the
28 Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 and shall include, but not be
29 limited to hearing testimony from the Department of Education and the
30 Department of Workforce Education.

31 /s/ King