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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 "REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING
10 BOARD WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE STATE BOARD OF
11 EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION
12 AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING
13 ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS FOR PROGRAMS IN WHICH
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26 WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 6-18-223 provides that a public school student who is
27 enrolled in a public school in Arkansas and has successfully completed the
28 eight grade, shall be eligible to enroll in a publicly supported community
29 college or four-year college or university in accordance with rules and
30 regulations adopted by each institution in consultation with the Arkansas
31 Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

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33 WHEREAS, the statute further provides that a student who enrolls in and
34 successfully completes a course or courses offered by an institution of higher
35 education shall be entitled to receive appropriate academic credit in both the
36 institution of higher education and the public school in which such student is

1 enrolled, which credit shall be applicable to graduation requirements; and

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3 WHEREAS, the statute further authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt
4 rules and regulations to implement this requirement; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the State
7 Department of Higher Education have the statutory responsibility for
8 determining which students may be counted for higher education funding
9 purposes; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and State Board of
12 Education have adopted policies concerning concurrent enrollment, which
13 policies are currently being reviewed to provide for additional
14 accountability; and

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16 WHEREAS, it has been suggested that the following points should be considered
17 by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board in reviewing concurrent
18 enrollment policies;

19 1. Award College credit for college courses only, not high school level
20 courses such as technical preparation, and separate the technical preparation
21 program from the concurrent enrollment program.

22 2. A concurrent enrollment program is simply an alternative delivery
23 system of college courses, therefore, any rules that "main campus" college
24 students have to follow, "high school campus" college students will have to
25 follow as well. This sameness includes following admission and course
26 placement policies, paying tuition and course fees, and adhering to the
27 college's academic policies such as class attendance and grade requirements
28 for continuation in the program.

29 3. The college should receive its regular rate of tuition, but the
30 college and the school district may work out agreements on the relationship
31 between tuition and administrative costs charges the college by the school for
32 hosting any class.

33 4. Just as the students who are in the program are college students, so
34 faculty, who teach in the program are college faculty. These faculty are under
35 contract with the college when they are teaching a concurrent class and,
36 therefore, must sign a written contract to this effect. Therefore, these

1 faculty members must have the same credentials as other faculty at the college
2 who teach the same courses., not only core class for college. The faculty
3 members teaching the concurrent enrollment program shall also teach other
4 "main campus" college courses.

5 5. Concurrent enrollment students would have to take exams at the end
6 of the concurrent courses that are the same as the ones given in the "regular,
7 main campus" courses. The resulting comparison of concurrent classes and
8 students to "regular" classes and students would become an automatic
9 monitoring device for the college; and

10 6. Concurrent enrollment classes offered in a school district should
11 not compete with high school classes offered in the same area, i.e. students
12 in a school district should not be offered both Spanish III as an advance
13 placement option and Spanish I as a concurrent enrollment option;

14 7. Students shall be advised regarding the transferability of college
15 credit received in an concurrent enrollment class; and

16 8. There should be some follow-up monitoring of students who complete a
17 concurrent enrollment class which includes evaluation of the student's
18 performance at the next level of the subject.

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE
22 OR REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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24 That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in consultation with
25 the State Board of Education and the State Board of Workforce Education and
26 Career Opportunities, is requested to address the points listed above in
27 developing additional accountability standards for programs in which students
28 are allowed to concurrently enroll in high school and college and university.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such additional accountability standards should be
31 in place by the 1999-2000 academic year and a report of same should be made to
32 the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education and the Legislative
33 Council.

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