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5 By: Senator Argue

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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 "REQUESTING THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
10 AND THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO  
11 CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF CHANGES IN THE  
12 REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT OF DISABLED  
13 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE ARKANSAS  
14 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
15 BLIND. "

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17 **Subtitle**

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23 DISABLED STUDENTS. "

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26 WHEREAS, changes in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education  
27 Act (IDEA) have mandated the inclusion of students with disabilities in state  
28 testing and assessment programs; and

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30 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has made the appropriate changes to its  
31 testing and assessment program for public school students; and

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33 WHEREAS, there have been concerns raised by the advocates for disabled  
34 children that the changes in state testing and assessment programs do not  
35 accommodate the special needs of disabled students and thereby deny them an  
36 opportunity to fully demonstrate their actual levels of academic skill and

1 achievement; and

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3 WHEREAS, all parties involved with this issue seek to develop a fair and  
4 equitable system of measuring student growth and achievement.

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6 NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE  
8 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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10 That the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee  
11 on Education are requested to conduct a study, with the full cooperation of  
12 all appropriate state agencies, on the impact of changes in the requirements  
13 regarding the assessment of disabled students enrolled in the public schools,  
14 the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the  
17 House Interim Committee on Education shall report the results of this study to  
18 the Legislative Council by no later than October 1, 2000.

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