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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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22 WHEREAS, many individuals involved with schools have expressed concern that
23 the current school finance system discourages school districts and the
24 electors in school districts from raising additional local revenue; and

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26 WHEREAS, many individuals involved with schools have expressed concern that
27 the current school finance system encourages school districts and the electors
28 in school districts to lower local revenue above the mandatory twenty-five
29 (25) mill requirement; and

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31 WHEREAS, research has pointed out that one (1) mill raises expansively
32 different revenues among local school districts ranging from three thousand
33 two hundred eighty five dollars (\$3,285) on the low end to one million nine
34 hundred sixty five thousand dollars on the high end (\$1,965,000); and

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36 WHEREAS, legislation has been offered in previous meetings of the Arkansas

1 General Assembly to address these issues; and

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3 WHEREAS, research has shown that one way to increase local effort above the
4 *minimum requirement is through power equalization; and*

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6 *WHEREAS, many individuals involved with school finance in Arkansas have*
7 *expressed immediate concern about one type of millage above the Uniform Rate*
8 *of Tax commonly called the Capital Outlay Millage; and*

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10 *WHEREAS, testimony has been received by the senate Education Committee of the*
11 *complexities of the Capitol Outlay Millage*

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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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16 That the Senate Interim Committee on Education is requested to conduct a study
17 on the feasibility of instituting some form of power equalization in the
18 school finance system or some other mechanism to encourage local school
19 districts to raise local effort above the Uniform Rate of Tax and to make
20 recommendations for appropriate statutory changes prior to the convening of
21 *the next regular session of the General Assembly.*

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23 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Interim Committee on Education is*
24 *requested to pay close attention to the issues surrounding Capitol Outlay*
25 *Millages while studying the feasibility of power equalization.*

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Interim Committee on Education shall
28 report the results of this study by no later than November 1, 2000.

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/s/ D. Malone

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