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By: Representative C. Johnson

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION TO STUDY ARKANSAS STATE-SUPPORTED  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; AND TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR  
FUNDING.

**Subtitle**

A RESOLUTION TO STUDY ARKANSAS STATE-  
SUPPORTED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; AND  
TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR FUNDING.

WHEREAS, Arkansas has outstanding state-supported universities regionally located throughout our state, each with academic programs that strive to prepare students to be competitive in today's economy, and each with social programs and activities designed to prepare our students to be productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, student attendance at a state-supported institution is based on various factors which include location, economics, entrance criteria, curriculum offered, available scholarships, and the like; and

WHEREAS, these factors often cause a concentration of students with common academic and social risk factors to be centered in certain state-supported institutions; and

WHEREAS, those state-supported institutions with a concentration of academically and socially at-risk students are invariably located in the Delta region; and

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WHEREAS, such a concentration of students who are academically and socially at-risk require the provision of additional remediation courses, additional counseling services, and more intense assistance to ensure that such students are ultimately prepared to compete in today' economy, and are prepared to be productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, such institutions in the Delta region have been historically underfunded, and must now tap available funding for necessary infrastructure repairs to ensure students can attend the institutions safely in order to receive services; and

WHEREAS, the additional educational and social requirements necessary to prepare the student population attending a state-supported institution vary by institution, while the faculty and administrative staff educational requirements are similar for all institutions; and

WHEREAS, a significant disparity between the faculty and administrative staff salaries at these state-supported institutions exist,

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That a study be conducted by the Department of Higher Education to analyze the student population of each state-supported institution, the educational requirements, remedial programs, and counseling services necessary to prepare the students to become productive citizens, the historical funding of each state-supported institution, and the existing salary disparity between each state-supported institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the findings, the Department of Higher Education shall develop a plan to fund each state-supported institution's budgetary requirements based on the infrastructure funding needs, including the history of funding previously provided, faculty and administrative salary disparity, and the staff requirements to meet the needs

1 of the student population attending for the purpose of ensuring the success  
2 of each institution's mission.

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