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5 By: Senator Hill
6 By: Representative Stovall

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 REQUESTING THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
11 INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY MEET WITH
12 TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIVITY PROVIDERS AS SOON
13 AS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF DISTANCE
14 LEARNING IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 REQUESTING THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
18 INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY MEET WITH
19 TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIVITY
20 PROVIDERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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23 WHEREAS, it has been proposed that many of Arkansas' school districts
24 be consolidated; and

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26 WHEREAS, Act 965 of 1997 authorized the development of a plan by which
27 all school districts will be able, through telecommunications technology, to
28 benefit from distance learning through the Arkansas Distance Learning
29 Network; and

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31 WHEREAS, at least five acts in addition to Act 965 of 1997 have been
32 passed that pertain to the implementation of distance learning; and

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34 WHEREAS, distance learning could reduce or eliminate the need to
35 consolidate school districts,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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5 THAT the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information
6 Technology should meet as soon as possible with telecommunications
7 connectivity providers, such as Southwestern Bell and Alltel, to determine
8 the status of distance learning programs in Arkansas, including current
9 technological capability and usage.

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Joint Committee on Advanced
12 Communications and Information Technology should meet as soon as possible
13 with telecommunications connectivity providers to pursue distance learning as
14 a supplemental means of educational reform to reduce or eliminate the need to
15 consolidate Arkansas' school districts.

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