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6 By: Senators Argue, Bisbee, Baker, J. Jeffress, Bryles, Hendren, Broadway, G. Jeffress

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 REQUESTING THAT IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE 2006 ACT
11 57 ADEQUACY STUDY, THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM
12 COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY TO
13 DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE NEED FOR STATE
14 FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GROWTH
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24 MAY BE NEEDED, AND ON WHAT BASIS THE
25 STATE SHOULD PROVIDE THE FUNDING.

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28 WHEREAS, under Arkansas law, a school district experiencing growth in
29 its average daily membership may receive \$5,400 per pupil for the increase,
30 if any, in average daily membership over the previous year's average daily
31 membership, as calculated in Arkansas Code § 6-20-2303(19); and

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33 WHEREAS, the Lake View plaintiff school districts have asserted that a
34 school district experiencing a growth in its average daily membership may not
35 receive an adequate amount of funding based on that method of calculating
36 growth funding; and



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WHEREAS, the General Assembly needs additional information as to what costs a school district experiences when it's average daily membership increases, what factors influence those costs, and at what point those costs exceed the \$5,400 currently provided,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education conduct a study in the upcoming biennium to recommend the actual per-student funding amount needed to meet average daily membership growth needs. The study should:

- (a) Determine the amount of funding change, if any, in the operations and maintenance component of the matrix to account for efficiency;
- (b) Identify whether and to what degree other components of the foundation funding matrix may need to be changed;
- (c) Assess student mobility from district to district within the state; and
- (d) Review what level of student growth may necessitate a need for additional funding.

BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education prepare a report detailing the results of the study on or before May 1, 2008.