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

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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27 WHEREAS, alternative learning environments serve public school students  
28 who need a different learning environment based on social or behavioral  
29 factors that make learning difficult in the traditional classroom environment  
30 and who are therefore at risk of failing to achieve an appropriate level of  
31 academic achievement or of dropping out of school; and

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33 WHEREAS, according to a 2006 study conducted by the Bureau of  
34 Legislative Research, alternative learning environments in Arkansas vary  
35 widely in their methods of delivering instructional and behavioral assistance  
36 to those students; and



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WHEREAS, while a few programs in Arkansas have been successfully using best practices as identified in research and literature, other programs are less successful, or are used by schools as punitive measures for either the students or the teachers assigned to those programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has few resources for monitoring and assisting these alternative learning environments,

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 to determine what the best practices for alternative learning environments are, how those best practices can be implemented statewide, and what resources are needed to implement alternative learning environments that provide the students in those programs with the opportunity for an adequate education.

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.