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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 REQUESTING, IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE 2006 ACT 57
10 ADEQUACY STUDY, THAT THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE
11 ON EDUCATION AND THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
12 EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE
13 ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE
14 TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 EDUCATION PREPARE A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING AN
16 EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM.

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REQUESTING A STUDY BE CONDUCTED TO
DETERMINE THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF AN
EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE TEACHER SUPPORT
SYSTEM AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR
IMPLEMENTATION.

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WHEREAS, a major factor in teacher retention is the need for improved support for teachers in the areas of instructional strategies and curriculum development for teachers; and

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WHEREAS, a teacher support system should provide support to teachers as they develop more knowledge and skills in the use of data and instructional strategies and should focus the training resources of the higher education system toward development of the same needed skills for teachers; and

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WHEREAS, additional time is needed to conduct a study to determine the



1 essential components of an exemplary teacher support system and to implement
2 that system statewide,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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8 THAT the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim
9 Committee on Education in conjunction with the Department of Education shall
10 conduct a study to determine what should be considered in developing an
11 Arkansas Teacher Support System that is an exemplary statewide system
12 incorporating under one umbrella:

- 13 (1) A center for professional development;
- 14 (2) Formative assessments;
- 15 (3) Teacher compensation issues;
- 16 (4) Higher education teacher preparation programs;
- 17 (5) School and district leadership development;
- 18 (6) Strategies for using instructional facilitators or coaches;
- 19 and
- 20 (7) Mentoring recommendations.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

23 THAT the Department of Education shall report its plan for the design
24 and implementation of the Arkansas Teacher Support System to the Senate
25 Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee on Education
26 by May 1, 2008.

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