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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES TO  
10 EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES TO RELATIVE  
11 CAREGIVERS OF TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE  
12 CHILD-ONLY CASES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

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22 WHEREAS, child-only cases in the Transitional Employment Assistance  
23 Program represent more than forty percent (40%) of the overall state  
24 caseload; and  
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26 WHEREAS, it is more desirable for children to live with relatives and  
27 be cared for in their own homes than to be placed in foster care; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the caring for a child of a relative places additional  
30 financial, social, and psychological strain on the caregiver and supportive  
31 services are needed to support these families; and  
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33 WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 20-76-446(c)(6) requires the Department of  
34 Workforce Services to provide supportive services to child-only cases in the  
35 Transitional Employment Assistance Program; and  
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1       WHEREAS, the Kinship Care program provides services to enhance family  
2     formation for these children and caregivers, through family stabilization,  
3     strengthening and preservation activities; and  
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5       WHEREAS, the provision of these services to this population could  
6     provide an opportunity to identify vulnerable children, provide services in a  
7     manner that does not threaten family bonds, and could yield a substantial  
8     impact on their lives,  
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10    NOW THEREFORE,

11    BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
12    STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14    THAT the Senate urges the Department of Workforce Services to:

15           (1) Expand the availability of services to Transitional  
16    Employment Assistance child-only cases by increasing the capacity of the  
17    Kinship Care program statewide; and

18           (2) Help identify children and caregivers at increased risk and  
19    prioritize services accordingly.  
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