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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO SUPPORT ARKANSAS'S ENGAGING THE JUSTICE COUNTS
10 METRICS AND TO URGE POLICYMAKERS THROUGHOUT STATE AND
11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO IMPLEMENT AND UTILIZE
12 THE JUSTICE COUNTS METRICS AND COMMIT TO MAKING THE
13 LATEST CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA AVAILABLE.
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15 **Subtitle**

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23 WHEREAS, Justice Counts is an initiative led by the United States
24 Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice
25 Assistance, The Council of State Governments' Justice Center, and over
26 twenty-one (21) partners to develop and help implement consensus-driven
27 metrics for criminal justice agencies; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Justice Counts metrics are developed in partnership with a
30 wide range of experts across the criminal justice system; and
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32 WHEREAS, Arkansas policymakers are often forced to make critical
33 decisions about the safety of their constituents using limited or out-of-date
34 criminal justice data; and
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36 WHEREAS, Arkansas consistently ranks among the top five (5) states with



1 the highest violent crime rates in the United States; and

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3 WHEREAS, Arkansas consistently ranks among the top five (5) states with
4 the highest incarceration rates in the United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, Arkansas consistently ranks among the states with the highest
7 rates of those leaving incarceration to be re-incarcerated within three (3)
8 years; and

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10 WHEREAS, people in Arkansas on probation or parole account for
11 approximately sixteen percent (16%) of violent crime arrests and
12 approximately sixty-two percent (62%) of prison admissions; and

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14 WHEREAS, Justice Counts would help to remedy this by ensuring decision
15 makers have access to consistent, timely, and accurate data across the
16 criminal justice system; and

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18 WHEREAS, twenty-nine (29) states, including nearby states such as
19 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North
20 Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas, have committed to
21 implementing the Justice Counts metrics,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
25 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 THAT the Senate support Arkansas's engaging the Justice Counts metrics
28 and urge policymakers throughout state and local government entities to
29 implement and utilize the metrics and commit to making the latest criminal
30 justice data available.