

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Smith**

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE TO
9 CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TAX
10 INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR ALL BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE
11 APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ARKANSANS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 REQUESTING A STUDY OF A TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR
15 BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR
16 YOUNG ARKANSANS.

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18 WHEREAS, changes in global economics and national demographics have
19 heightened demands for improvements in this country_s work force development;

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21 WHEREAS, a new long-range strategy for the preparation of Arkansas_ work
22 force, which will coordinate the efforts of state and local education, labor
23 and social service agencies as well as private sector business and labor, is
24 critical to the state_s economic future and to the well-being of its citizens;

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26 WHEREAS, most new jobs in the year 2,000 will require postsecondary
27 technical education rather than a college degree;

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29 WHEREAS, the rate of growth of new jobs of all types and technical jobs
30 in particular is increasing, while the number of new entrants to the labor
31 force is declining;

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33 WHEREAS, any work force strategy should address the creation of an
34 improved system to move youth from school to work and to promote education
35 with enhanced basic and technical skills that will increase the number of

1 youth preparing for entry into high skill technical occupations;

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3 WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs improve high school students_
4 transition from school to high skill employment through statewide, business-
5 approved, work-based learning in skilled occupations;

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7 WHEREAS, in other states, tax incentive programs have been instrumental
8 in expanding an employer_s interest in and willingness to invest in skill
9 training for the current and potential future work force through
10 apprenticeship programs;

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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16 THAT the appropriate Joint Interim Committee is requested to conduct a
17 study of the feasibility of and the potential benefits in establishing a tax
18 incentive program for all businesses that provide apprenticeship opportunities
19 for Arkansans under the age of twenty-five.

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