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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO URGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RETURN CERTAIN FUNDS TO ARKANSAS IF ARKANSAS DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED MEDICAID EXPANSION.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Human Services estimates that Medicaid expansion will increase federal spending to the State of Arkansas by nine hundred twenty-six million dollars (\$926,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration estimates that the state receives approximately one dollar and forty-one cents (\$1.41) for every one dollar (\$1.00) paid by the state to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the application of the ratio of Arkansas taxes paid to federal income received will require the federal government to use six hundred sixty-one million dollars (\$661,000,000) received from the state for the expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution reserves all rights to the states that are not expressly delegated to the United States Congress,



NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT if the State of Arkansas elects not to participate in the proposed Medicaid expansion, the six hundred sixty-one million dollars (\$661,000,000) the federal government received from the state be returned to the state to be used for the following purposes:

- (1) Seventy-four million dollars (\$74,000,000) to be dedicated to the elimination of the sales and use tax on food and food ingredients; and
- (2) Five hundred eighty-seven million dollars (\$587,000,000) to be dedicated to reducing the state income tax by approximately twenty-five percent (25%).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate urges the United States Congress to apply all funds that would have been used for administrative costs in implementing the Medicaid expansion to the federal debt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon the adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the Senate shall mail a copy of this resolution to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate.