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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO URGE THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ACT TO WAIVE THE "REASONABLE ASSURANCE" CLAUSE TO ALLOW HOURLY NINE-MONTH EMPLOYEES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING THE SUMMER.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, certain employees of educational institutions are not eligible for compensation for any week during a period between two (2) academic years if the employee performs services in the first of the academic years and if there is a contract or reasonable assurance that the employee will perform the services during the second academic year; and

WHEREAS, a nine-month employee of an educational institution often falls under the "reasonable assurance" exception, which disqualifies the employee for eligibility for unemployment benefits during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, nine-month employees of educational institutions are vital employees of educational institutions; and



WHEREAS, waiving the "reasonable assurance" clause would greatly assist our educational support professionals, including without limitation bus drivers, cafeteria workers and paraprofessionals, during the summer months,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the General Assembly urges the Arkansas congressional delegation to propose an amendment to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act to waive the "reasonable assurance" clause to authorize hourly nine-month employees to be eligible for unemployment benefits during the summer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Arkansas congressional delegation by the Secretary of the Senate.