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## 8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO PROHIBIT THE ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE CHAMBER OF  
10 THE SENATE BY ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE FOR ITS ANNUAL  
11 MEETING.  
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### 14 **Subtitle**

15 TO PROHIBIT THE ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE  
16 CHAMBER OF THE SENATE BY ARKANSAS GIRLS  
17 STATE FOR ITS ANNUAL MEETING.  
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19 WHEREAS, Arkansas Girls State regularly requests access to and use of  
20 the Chamber of the Senate for their sessions that take place in the State  
21 Capitol Building; and  
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23 WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the members of the Senate that  
24 several outstanding young women, who are both qualified to participate and  
25 who were chosen by their schools to be delegates, have been denied the  
26 opportunity to participate in Arkansas Girls State due to inadvertent  
27 administrative oversights in the application process; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the denial of these outstanding young women is based upon the  
30 actions of schools and educators who, despite their best intentions and  
31 diligent efforts, missed the application deadline for Arkansas Girls State;  
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34 WHEREAS, the adults responsible for missing deadlines have taken full  
35 responsibility for their errors; and  
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1           WHEREAS, Arkansas Girls State embodies the ideas of civic engagement,  
2 leadership, and public service and is a source of pride for communities and a  
3 formative experience for young women across Arkansas; and  
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5           WHEREAS, it would be both a profound disappointment and a loss for the  
6 people of Arkansas to deny deserving students the ability to participate in  
7 Arkansas Girls State when that program has proven to be transformative for  
8 many future leaders,  
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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
12 STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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14           THAT the Senate prohibit access to and use of the Chamber of the Senate  
15 for the 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State.  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Arkansas Girls State shall not utilize the bill  
18 drafting services of the Bureau of Legislative Research during the 2026  
19 meeting of Arkansas Girls State.  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
22 determines that the American Legion Auxiliary has allowed the young women  
23 denied participation due to administrative oversights to participate in the  
24 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State, this resolution shall be rescinded,  
25 Arkansas Girls State shall be permitted access to and use of the Chamber of  
26 the Senate for the 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State, and Arkansas Girls  
27 State shall have access to the bill drafting services of the Bureau of  
28 Legislative Research during the 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State.  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate strongly urges the American Legion  
31 Auxiliary to reconsider any decision that would prevent the participation of  
32 those young women who, despite both being qualified to participate and being  
33 selected by their schools as delegates, have been denied the opportunity to  
34 participate in Arkansas Girls State.  
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