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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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THE SENATE BY ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE FOR ITS ANNUAL  
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WHEREAS, Arkansas Girls State regularly requests access to and use of the Chamber of the Senate for their sessions that take place in the State Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the members of the Senate that several outstanding young women, who are both qualified to participate and who were chosen by their schools to be delegates, have been denied the opportunity to participate in Arkansas Girls State due to inadvertent administrative oversights in the application process; and

WHEREAS, the denial of these outstanding young women is based upon the actions of schools and educators who, despite their best intentions and diligent efforts, missed the application deadline for Arkansas Girls State; and

WHEREAS, the adults responsible for missing deadlines have taken full responsibility for their errors; and



WHEREAS, Arkansas Girls State embodies the ideas of civic engagement, leadership, and public service and is a source of pride for communities and a formative experience for young women across Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, it would be both a profound disappointment and a loss for the people of Arkansas to deny deserving students the ability to participate in Arkansas Girls State when that program has proven to be transformative for many future leaders,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Senate prohibit access to and use of the Chamber of the Senate for the 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Arkansas Girls State shall not utilize the bill drafting services of the Bureau of Legislative Research during the 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the President Pro Tempore of the Senate determines that the American Legion Auxiliary has allowed the young women denied participation due to administrative oversights to participate in the 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State, this resolution shall be rescinded, Arkansas Girls State shall be permitted access to and use of the Chamber of the Senate for the 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State, and Arkansas Girls State shall have access to the bill drafting services of the Bureau of Legislative Research during the 2026 meeting of Arkansas Girls State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate strongly urges the American Legion Auxiliary to reconsider any decision that would prevent the participation of those young women who, despite both being qualified to participate and being selected by their schools as delegates, have been denied the opportunity to participate in Arkansas Girls State.