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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 RECOMMENDING THAT STUDIES OF SPECIFIC ISSUES OCCUR IN
9 THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE STANDING
10 COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES RATHER THAN IN TASK FORCES CREATED
12 FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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15 **Subtitle**

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23 WHEREAS, recent legislative sessions have seen an increase in the
24 desire to study specific issues further during the interim; and

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26 WHEREAS, a trend has emerged for the creation of task forces to
27 consider these issues and report their findings to the General Assembly; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Senate has established permanent subcommittees of its
30 standing committees to allow those committee members to develop expertise in
31 certain areas and to establish familiarity with pertinent issues when
32 considering legislative matters; and

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34 WHEREAS, the permanent subcommittees of the standing committees of the
35 Senate are well-equipped to study specific issues in the interim; and

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1 WHEREAS, the use of task forces in lieu of the permanent subcommittees
2 of the standing committees of the Senate ultimately weakens the power of the
3 legislative committees; and
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5 WHEREAS, the use of task forces also creates staffing issues, while the
6 permanent subcommittees of the standing committees of the Senate are
7 sufficiently staffed to consider these issues; and
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9 WHEREAS, the issue of using task forces in lieu of permanent
10 subcommittees of the standing committees is also relevant to the House of
11 Representatives,
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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
15 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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17 THAT the Senate and House of Representatives of the Eighty-Eighth
18 General Assembly recommend that the permanent subcommittees of the standing
19 committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives be used for
20 studying specific issues in lieu of creating task forces for those purposes.
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