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2 89th General Assembly  
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5 By: Senator G. Stubblefield

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A NONAPROPRIATION  
9 BILL CONCERNING DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON  
10 CORE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.

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17 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON CORE; AND TO  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
22 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 THAT Representative Alexander is authorized to introduce a bill which  
25 as introduced will read substantially as follows:

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27 "For An Act To Be Entitled  
28 AN ACT TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON CORE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;  
29 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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32 TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON CORE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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34 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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36 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 1, is amended



1 to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 6-15-103. Legislative intent – Prohibition on the use of funding for  
3 the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

4 (a) The purpose of this section is to place a moratorium on the  
5 implementation of the Common Core State Standards Initiative and all related  
6 activities and programs until January 1, 2017.

7 (b) A state agency, school district, public school, or education  
8 service cooperative shall not expend state, federal, or local funds on  
9 materials, programs, activities, or assessments that are intended to  
10 implement or advance the Common Core State Standards Initiative, the  
11 Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or any  
12 organization with a similar mission, including without limitation:

13 (1) An organization promoting any national standards such as the  
14 Next Generation Science Standards and the Future of Sex Education Initiative;

15 (2) Educational materials, textbooks, media, and other forms of  
16 instructional materials that incorporate the Common Core State Standards  
17 Initiative such as material from TERC Investigations Mathematics Curriculum  
18 and Pearson Education materials;

19 (3) Training for public school employees on any topic related to  
20 the Common Core State Standards Initiative or any initiative promoting  
21 national standards;

22 (4) Student data collection of any data that was not collected  
23 before the 2011-2012 school year; and

24 (5) An assessment, field test, or pilot project that was not  
25 used in the state during or before the 2011-2012 school year that  
26 incorporates the testing of any national standards, such as the Partnership  
27 for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, the Smarter Balanced  
28 Assessment Consortium, the American Institutes for Research, or the  
29 Educational Planning and Assessment System.

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31 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
32 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is little understanding  
33 of the Common Core State Standards Initiative; that the initiative may in  
34 fact be harmful to the educational efforts and gains made by the state over  
35 the past decade; and that this act is immediately necessary to prevent the  
36 state’s control over the education of its citizens from being marginalized.

1 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately  
2 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
3 become effective on:

4 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

5 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
6 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
7 bill; or

8 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
9 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

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