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9 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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26 WHEREAS, under Arkansas law the General Assembly created multicounty  
27 planning and development organizations, known as "planning and development  
28 districts", to:

- 29 (1) Promote economic development;  
30 (2) Assist local governments and private organizations in obtaining  
31 federal grants and loans;  
32 (3) Prepare comprehensive regional plans for economic development and  
33 improved government services;  
34 (4) Enlist private support for these activities; and  
35 (5) Coordinate private and public programs in the planning and  
36 development districts; and



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WHEREAS, in order to encourage the planning and development districts in their efforts to provide these beneficial services, the General Assembly established a program of providing financial assistance to the planning and development districts to enable them to continue and expand their activities in furtherance of these services; and

WHEREAS, there are currently eight (8) planning and development districts operating in Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs is encouraged to conduct a study of the best practices of planning and development districts that may be implemented to improve the efficiency of the planning and development districts; review the economic development tools of the planning and development districts to determine if the planning and development districts are acting in furtherance of the purposes stated in the law; determine the feasibility of consolidation of planning and development districts to promote economic development; conduct the study with the assistance of the planning and development districts; and report to the Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs and the House Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs with findings and recommendations from the study by December 1, 2016.