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5 Whereas, The achievement gap refers to the 6 disproportionate results in test scores, graduation rates, and 7 overall academic performance between students of different 8 races and socioeconomic statuses;

9 Whereas, Minority students and students of lower 10 socioeconomic status statistically score lower than average on 11 standardized tests;

Whereas, While the Indiana state proficiency rate for third to eighth graders hovers around 51%, the average proficiency rate for African American students is 15%, the rate for Hispanic students is 24%, and for students receiving free and reduced lunch the rate is 36%;

18 Whereas, The achievement gap follows Indiana students to 19 high school. For tenth graders, the average rate of proficiency 20 across the state is 34%. For African American students the 21 average drops to a proficiency rate of 11%, for Hispanic 22 students the average is 19%, and for students receiving free and 23 reduced lunch the average is 18%;

24 *Whereas, These statistics indicate that a distinct* 25 *achievement gap exists among Hoosier youth;*



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Whereas, Studying factors like race and socioeconomic 1 status and discussing potential solutions regarding the 2 achievement gap is essential to ensure that all Indiana students 3 have the chance to succeed; and 4 Whereas, It is important to the overall well-being of our 5 state that all Hoosier students are able to achieve academic 6 success: Therefore, 7 8 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly* of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives 9 10 concurring: SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the 11 legislative council to assign to the appropriate summer study 12 committee the topic of the achievement gap within the 13 education system regarding race and socioeconomic status. 14

