

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Senator Snyder**

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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN OCCUPATIONAL
9 SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) APPROVED
10 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SECTOR
11 EMPLOYEES.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 FOR A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN
15 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC
16 EMPLOYEES.

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18 WHEREAS, public employees of the State of Arkansas and its political
19 subdivisions are not subject to the occupational safety and health regulations
20 of the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health
21 Administration (OSHA); and

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23 WHEREAS, public employees in Arkansas do not have the same degree of
24 protection from occupational exposure to safety and health risks as provided
25 to most private sector employees; and

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27 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor has requested the
28 assistance of the State of Arkansas in minimizing the health risks to public
29 sector workers exposed to blood-borne pathogens; and

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31 WHEREAS, twenty-seven (27) states have OSHA-approved plans covering
32 public sector employees and receive federal grant money for the operation of
33 their public sector occupational safety and health programs; and

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35 WHEREAS, Arkansas does not have an OSHA-approved state plan for public

1 sector employees and thus does not qualify for a federal grant for its public
2 sector occupational safety and health program,

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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
7 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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9 THAT the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor is
10 requested to make a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a
11 comprehensive OSHA-approved occupational safety and health program for the
12 public sector in the State of Arkansas.

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the committee is requested to report its
15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
16 Eightieth General Assembly.

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