

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-069

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1899

4 By: Representatives L. Johnson, Boyd  
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6 By: Senator M. Pitsch

7 Filed with: House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO PERMIT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO  
10 TRANSPORT AN INTOXICATED PERSON TO A SOBERING CENTER;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

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13 TRANSPORT AN INTOXICATED PERSON TO A  
14 SOBERING CENTER.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 11, is amended to add an  
25 additional section to read as follows:

26 12-11-111. Discretionary transport to sobering center.

27 (a) As used in this section, "sobering center" means a facility  
28 designed to keep or house an intoxicated person for treatment.

29 (b) If acting with reasonable discretion, a law enforcement may detain  
30 and transport an intoxicated person who is committing the offense of public  
31 intoxication, § 5-71-212(a), to a sobering center for treatment as an  
32 alternative to arresting and transporting that person to a local or regional  
33 detention facility.

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36 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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