EXHIBIT C

1   INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-222

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3   REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION STUDY

4   HOW STUDENT PLACEMENT IN NONRESIDENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

5   PROGRAMS IMPACT A STUDENT'S ABILITY TO REMAIN ENROLLED AT HIS OR

6   HER LOCAL SCHOOL AND RECEIVE CLASS CREDIT.

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8   WHEREAS, state law requires school districts to adopt an attendance

9   policy that includes the number of permissible absences; and

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11   WHEREAS, occasionally circumstances beyond a student's control, such as

12   medical conditions, force a student to miss more school than is permitted by

13   school policy; and

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15   WHEREAS, under current state law a student's absenteeism can be used by

16   a school district to deny course credit, promotion, or graduation; and

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18   WHEREAS, current state law gives a school district the discretion to

19   decide whether or not to provide assistance to a student who is absent due to

20   illness, such as mental illness; and

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22   WHEREAS, a student who is receiving treatment in a nonresidential

23   mental health treatment program may not be permitted to receive course

24   credit, be promoted, or graduate if the school district chooses not to

25   provide assistance to that student during his or her treatment if the

26   treatment causes excessive absences; and

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28   WHEREAS, a student who is suffering from a medical condition should not

29   be forced to decide between taking care of his or her health and continuing

30   with his or her education,

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32   BE IT PROPOSED BY THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE 88TH

33   GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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35   THAT the Interim Senate Committee On Education study how a student's

36   placement in a nonresidential mental health treatment programs impacts a

1   student's ability to remain enrolled at his or her local school and receive

2   class credit.

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4   Respectfully submitted,

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8   Senator Jimmy Jeffress

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