1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-003
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3 REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE,
4 AND LABOR STUDY AND PROMOTE AWARENESS OF PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET
5 NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME, ALSO KNOWN AS "PANS".
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7 WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as
8 "PANS", is a clinically defined disorder characterized by the sudden onset of
9 obsessive-compulsive symptoms or eating restrictions, accompanied by two (2)
10 or more symptoms of acute behavioral deterioration or motor and sensory
11 changes, or both; and
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13 WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as
14 "PANS", is caused when an infectious trigger, environmental factors, or other
15 triggers create a misdirected immune response, which results in inflammation
16 of the brain of a child; and
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18 WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as
19 "PANS", was identified in 2012 by Dr. Susan Swedo; and
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21 WHEREAS, as doctors are not required to report the number of patients
22 suffering with Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as
23 "PANS", the true number of affected individuals is unknown; and
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25 WHEREAS, it is important that there be an improvement and increase in
26 knowledge and treatment throughout the State of Arkansas of Pediatric Acute-
27 onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as "PANS", especially for
28 healthcare professionals,
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30 NOW THEREFORE,
31 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
32 THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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34 THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study and
35 promote awareness of Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also
36 known as "PANS".

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