

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-001

REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REFER TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR A REQUEST TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE USE OF THE E-VERIFY SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, illegal immigration is a tremendous challenge facing both Arkansas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, illegal immigration threatens the economic well-being of Arkansas and the United States and also poses a security risk to both the state and the country; and

WHEREAS, verifying the immigration status of individuals seeking employment in the state is an important step in combating illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, E-Verify is an online tool that is available to employers for use in determining whether an individual is legally authorized to work in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly should study whether the use of the E-Verify system by businesses could act as a disincentive to illegal immigration,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor a request to study the use of the E-Verify system to ensure an individual is legally authorized to work in the United States and whether the E-Verify system could act as a disincentive to illegal immigration.

Respectfully submitted,

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