

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-100

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**A Bill**

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6 By: Representative Ennett

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR  
11 MEDICAL SCIENCES TO STUDY UTERINE DISEASES AND  
12 UTERINE HEALTH ISSUES IN THIS STATE AND RECOMMEND  
13 LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

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17 **Subtitle**

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20 DISEASES AND UTERINE HEALTH ISSUES IN  
21 THIS STATE AND RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE  
22 ACTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Uterine disease and uterine health issues  
28 study.

29 (a) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall conduct a  
30 study on uterine diseases and uterine health issues in Arkansas, including  
31 without limitation:

32 (1) The research on uterine diseases and uterine health issues  
33 being conducted within the state;

34 (2) The available technical assistance, educational materials,  
35 and support programs for patients with uterine diseases nationwide;

1           (3) The level of public and professional awareness about uterine  
2 diseases;

3           (4) The needs of patients with uterine diseases, their families,  
4 and their caregivers;

5           (5) The needs of healthcare providers in regard to caring for a  
6 patient with a uterine disease;

7           (6) The services available to a patient with a uterine disease;

8           (7) The existence of uterine disease treatment programs; and

9           (8) The existence of support groups for patients with uterine  
10 disease.

11       (b) On or before September 30, 2021, the university shall report to  
12 the:

13           (1) Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

14           (2) House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

15           (3) President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

16           (4) Speaker of the House of Representatives.

17       (c) The report described in subsection (b) of this section shall  
18 include:

19           (1) Information and statistics regarding the types of uterine  
20 diseases and conditions that are prevalent in this state, including without  
21 limitation uterine fibroids;

22           (2) Information as to whether any health disparities exist  
23 regarding uterine diseases or uterine health issues;

24           (3) The financial impact and reach that uterine diseases of all  
25 types are having on each agency, locality, and the state;

26           (4) An assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and  
27 activities that:

28                   (A) Aims at controlling uterine diseases and preventing  
29 uterine diseases; and

30                   (B) Documents the amount and source for funding directed  
31 to the agency or entity from the General Assembly for programs and activities  
32 aimed at reaching individuals with uterine diseases; and

33           (5) Recommendations to increase awareness of uterine diseases  
34 and uterine health issues; and

35           (6) Recommendations for any legislation regarding uterine  
36 diseases or uterine health issues.

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