

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-019

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90th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: H3/17/15

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1914

By: Representative K. Ferguson

Filed with: House Committee on Insurance and Commerce
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITY
SERVICE TO CONSUMERS; TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRIC UTILITIES
TO PROVIDE PREPAID ENERGY PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITY
SERVICE TO CONSUMERS; AND TO AUTHORIZE
ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO PROVIDE PREPAID
ENERGY PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Findings and purpose.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) An adequate supply of electricity is essential to the safety and well-being of the citizens of this state;

(2) Through circumstances beyond a citizen's control, the citizen temporary may be unable to make utility bill payments on a current basis while providing even more basic necessities of life;

(3) Prepaid energy programs have been successfully adopted in neighboring states to address the need to maintain utility service to citizens; and

(4) The public health and welfare of Arkansas citizens requires that a similar program be implemented in this state.

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