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INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-193

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-
4 EIGHTH ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REFER TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
5 ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY
6 OF SEEKING A GRANT FOR ARKANSAS PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL
7 TITLE IV-E WAIVERS (THE KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM).
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9 WHEREAS, Section 26 of Act 937 of 2011 required the Department of
10 Workforce Services to prepare a study to determine the best and most
11 appropriate way to address the financial needs of grandparents raising
12 grandchildren through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
13 Block Grant Program; and
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15 WHEREAS, the study concludes that currently, the TANF budget and
16 reserve fund (carry forward fund) does not allow for a new program to be
17 funded and sustained. However, alternative funding streams are offered,
18 specifically the new federal Title IV-E waivers (the Kinship Guardianship
19 Assistance Program) under the Child and Family Services Improvement and
20 Innovation Act; and
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22 WHEREAS, at present, many states already offer subsidized guardianship
23 assistance in some form with all those programs working to promote lasting
24 family relationships for children with the goals of improving the lives of
25 the children and of bringing them out of foster care and into permanent
26 families; and
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28 WHEREAS, Arkansas grandparents who are raising their grandchildren
29 often need financial assistance to maintain an optimal home life; and
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31 WHEREAS, participation in the federal Title IV-E waivers (the Kinship
32 Guardianship Assistance Program) would provide support for those grandparents
33 already raising their grandchildren and would allow grandparents who cannot
34 presently afford to raise their grandchildren to bring those children into a
35 loving home; and
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1 WHEREAS, Arkansas's participation in the federal Title IV-E waivers
2 (the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program) could provide significant
3 assistance in improving the lives of Arkansas's children,
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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH
7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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9 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council of the Eighty-Eighth Arkansas
10 General Assembly refer to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and
11 Labor a study of the feasibility of seeking a grant for Arkansas
12 participation in the federal Title IV-E waivers (the Kinship Guardianship
13 Assistance Program).
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15 Respectfully submitted,
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