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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR TO REVIEW ACT 235 OF 1973, THE ARKANSAS FAMILY PLANNING ACT, TO DETERMINE IF THE ACT STATES THE CURRENT PUBLIC POLICY OF THE ACT OR IF THE ACT SHOULD BE REVISED OR REPEALED, AND REQUESTING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ADMINISTRATORS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN WHICH SCHOOL BASED FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS ARE CURRENTLY BEING OPERATED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR TO DISCUSS ACT 235 AND THE SCHOOL BASED CLINICS OPERATED PURSUANT TO THAT ACT.

WHEREAS, Act 235 of 1973, the Arkansas Family Planning Act, purports to state broad public policy of the state concerning the availability of contraceptive information, supplies and procedures to all persons in the state regardless of sex, race, age, marital status or motive and regarding the dissemination of information concerning contraceptive procedures and supplies by state and county health and welfare departments, medical facilities, institutions of higher learning and other agencies and instrumentalities of the state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Arkansas Family Planning Act, the State Health Department has established two school based family planning clinics in the state; and

WHEREAS, it has been fifteen years since the enactment of the Arkansas Family Planning Act and the provisions and effects of that Act have not been reviewed during that time and it would appear that a study of the Act and its effects should be made for the purpose of determining need for revision or repeal of the Act,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor is

hereby requested to review the provisions of Act 235 of 1973, the Arkansas Family Planning Act, for the purpose of determining if such Act states the current public policy of the state concerning the dissemination of contraceptive information and supplies or if the Act should be repealed or revised to accurately state the current public policy concerning these matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives of the State Health Department and administrators of public schools in the state where school based family planning clinics are currently being operated are requested to appear before the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor to discuss the Arkansas Family Planning Act, and to discuss the operation of school based clinics and other programs pursuant to the provisions of that Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor shall report its findings and recommendations including any proposed legislation to the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly.