A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

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

(2) The available technical assistance, educational materials, and support programs for patients with uterine diseases nationwide;
(3) The level of public and professional awareness about uterine diseases;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(4) Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6) Recommendations for any legislation regarding uterine diseases or uterine health issues.
Referred by Representative Ennett
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