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HOUSE BILL 1911

By: Representative Webb
By: Senator L. Chesterfield

Filed with: Interim House Committee on City, County and Local Affairs
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA FROM
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE ON ISSUES
PERTAINING TO THE STATUS OF CERTAIN GROUPS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA FROM
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE ON
ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE STATUS OF
CERTAIN GROUPS.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

(a) The City, County, and Local Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives shall collect economic data from the political subdivisions across the state to determine women's economic status in Arkansas.

(b) The Institute for Women's Policy Research collected data for a 2002 study that found that women in Arkansas fare poorly economically, and there are wide disparities based on gender, race, ethnicity, and region based on factors including without limitation:

- (1) Elderly women living in poverty;
- (2) Women-owned businesses;
- (3) Women without insurance;

1 (4) Women in professional positions; and

2 (5) Women with college degrees.

3 (c) The committee shall:

4 (1) Study the presence, influence, opportunities, challenges,
5 and barriers for women in Arkansas;

6 (2) Study and identify the policies necessary to support women
7 economically;

8 (3) Conduct hearings in order to more fully understand from the
9 research community what is known and unknown concerning the role and presence
10 of women in business enterprise;

11 (4) Conduct hearings to more fully understand the challenges
12 faced by these women as shared from their own experiences; and

13 (5) Conduct hearings to understand existing legal and policy
14 barriers that women must address.

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