

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-189

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REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE & SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON
STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS STUDY THE IMPACT OF
LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ON VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, immigration and the corresponding risk of illegal
immigration is a tremendous challenge facing the United States; and

WHEREAS, illegal immigration poses a security risk to this
country and also threatens its economic well being; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas's immigrant population is on the rise and
illegal immigration has proven to be a particularly large problem in
the state; and

WHEREAS, illegal immigration imposes a burden on state agencies
charged with providing benefits and services to residents of this
state, which could hamper those agencies' efforts to provide needed
benefits to lawful citizens, including legal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly plays a key role in protecting the
welfare of citizens of this state and legislative action to minimize
illegal immigration and its harmful effects should be considered as a
means of protecting all Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, before considering legislative measures to address
immigration issues, the General Assembly should study the impact of
immigration on the state to determine how best to proceed, including
without limitation studying the pervasiveness of illegal immigration
and how it is impacting the state,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON STATE
AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH (86TH) GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

