

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-188

REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION
CONDUCT A STUDY OF TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE.

WHEREAS, teachers serve an important role in the State of Arkansas and are
one of our most important resources; and

WHEREAS, attracting and retaining qualified and competent teachers is of
critical importance to the state's education system; and

WHEREAS, effective and affordable health insurance is a vital tool for
teacher retention; and

WHEREAS, previous studies have shown there are multiple issues that impact
the availability, pricing, and funding of teacher health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the importance of teacher health insurance as a tool for improving
the state's education system warrants a comprehensive review of teacher health
insurance and the issues that affect its availability and affordability,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION OF THE
EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education conduct a
comprehensive study of teacher health insurance, including without limitation the
issues that affect its availability, pricing, and funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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