1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-189		
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3	REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE & SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON		
4	STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS STUDY THE IMPACT OF		
5	LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ON VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES.		
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7	WHEREAS, immigration and the corresponding risk of illegal		
8	immigration is a tremendous challenge facing the United States; and		
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10	WHEREAS, illegal immigration poses a security risk to this		
11	country and also threatens its economic well being; and		
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13	WHEREAS, Arkansas's immigrant population is on the rise and		
14	illegal immigration has proven to be a particularly large problem in		
15	the state; and		
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17	WHEREAS, illegal immigration imposes a burden on state agencies		
18	charged with providing benefits and services to residents of this		
19	state, which could hamper those agencies' efforts to provide needed		
20	benefits to lawful citizens, including legal immigrants; and		
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22	WHEREAS, the General Assembly plays a key role in protecting the		
23	welfare of citizens of this state and legislative action to minimize		
24	illegal immigration and its harmful effects should be considered as a		
25	means of protecting all Arkansans; and		
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27	WHEREAS, before considering legislative measures to address		
28	immigration issues, the General Assembly should study the impact of		
29	immigration on the state to determine how best to proceed, including		
30	without limitation studying the pervasiveness of illegal immigration		
31	and how it is impacting the state,		
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33	NOW THEREFORE,		
34	BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON STATE		
35	AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH (86 <sup>TH</sup> ) GENERAL		
36	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:		

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1	THAT the House and Senate Int	terim Committees on State Agencies	
2	and Governmental Affairs study the impact of immigration on various		
3	areas governed by state agencies, including without limitation the		
4	impact of legal and illegal immigration on health care, education, and		
5	the state's prison system.		
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7	BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the committee request the assistance		
8	of those state agencies best suited to offer their opinions on this		
9	issue, including without limitation the Department of Health, the		
10	Department of Education, the Department of Correction, the Department		
11	of Finance and Administration, and the Arkansas Insurance Department.		
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13	Respectfully submitted,		
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28	Representative Nathan George	Representative Mark Martin	
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