

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-193

REQUESTING THE SENATE AND HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR TO STUDY THE FUNDING FOR TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS.

WHEREAS, substance abuse poses a serious, continuing threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, treatment for the victims of substance abuse offers the promise of returning those victims to productive lives; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse counselors must be effectively trained in the use of the best available methods for returning substance abuse victims to productivity; and

WHEREAS, funding for substance abuse treatment and the qualification requirements for substance abuse counselors fall short of the needs of the victims of substance abuse,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Senate and House Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study the funding for treatment of substance abuse and the qualifications for substance abuse counselors.

Respectfully submitted,

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