

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-200

REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR A STUDY OF HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE NEEDS IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Arkansas consistently ranks among the least healthy states in the nation; and

WHEREAS, access to medical care is disproportionately distributed across the state; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly needs complete and accurate information regarding current needs for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and allied healthcare workers in Arkansas in order to project health care needs over the next five (5) years, ten (10) years, and twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, these committees should assess health workforce needs for the coming two decades, assess the number of health care workers who will be needed to provide adequate health care to all Arkansans, and assess ways of creating the proper distribution of health care workers throughout the state,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the House Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor a study of the current need for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and allied healthcare workers in Arkansas, and project health care workforce needs over the next five (5) years, ten (10) years, and twenty (20) years.

Respectfully submitted,

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