1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-032
2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/23/11
3	88th General Assembly A Bill
4	Regular Session, 2011 HOUSE BILL 1911
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6	By: Representative Webb
7	By: Senator L. Chesterfield
8	Filed with: Interim House Committee on City, County and Local Affairs
9	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.
10	For An Act To Be Entitled
11	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA FROM
12	POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE ON ISSUES
13	PERTAINING TO THE STATUS OF CERTAIN GROUPS; AND FOR
14	OTHER PURPOSES.
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19	POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE ON
20	ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE STATUS OF
21	CERTAIN GROUPS.
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26	SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.
27	(a) The City, County, and Local Affairs Committee of the House of
28	Representatives shall collect economic data from the political subdivisions
29	across the state to determine women's economic status in Arkansas.
30	(b) The Institute for Women's Policy Research collected data for a
31	2002 study that found that women in Arkansas fare poorly economically, and
32	there are wide disparities based on gender, race, ethnicity, and region based
33	on factors including without limitation:
34	(1) Elderly women living in poverty;
35	(2) Women-owned businesses;
36	(3) Women without insurance;

1	(4) Women in professional positions; and
2	(5) Women with college degrees.
3	(c) The committee shall:
4	(1) Study the presence, influence, opportunities, challenges,
5	and barriers for women in Arkansas;
6	(2) Study and identify the policies necessary to support women
7	economically;
8	(3) Conduct hearings in order to more fully understand from the
9	research community what is known and unknown concerning the role and presence
10	of women in business enterprise;
11	(4) Conduct hearings to more fully understand the challenges
12	faced by these women as shared from their own experiences; and
13	(5) Conduct hearings to understand existing legal and policy
14	barriers that women must address.
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