

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-179

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3 REQUESTING THE INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RETIREMENT &  
4 SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS TO STUDY THE PREVALENCE OF PUBLIC  
5 EMPLOYEES RETURNING TO WORK FOR THE STATE AFTER RETIRING AND THE  
6 ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND OTHER EFFECTS OF PERMITTING PUBLIC  
7 EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
8 RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHILE BEING EMPLOYED BY THE STATE.  
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10 WHEREAS, public employees are permitted to return to employment with  
11 the state after retiring under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement  
12 System; and  
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14 WHEREAS, employees who return to employment receive both their  
15 retirement benefits and a salary from the state; and  
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17 WHEREAS, under Act 657 of 2009, members of the Arkansas Public  
18 Employees' Retirement System are required to wait at least one hundred eighty  
19 (180) days after retiring before returning to work for the state; and  
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21 WHEREAS, under Act 657 of 2009, certain members of the Arkansas Public  
22 Employees' Retirement System are entitled to have the termination-period  
23 requirement waived and may return to employment with the state thirty (30)  
24 days after commencing retirement,  
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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RETIREMENT & SOCIAL  
28 SECURITY PROGRAMS OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
29 ARKANSAS:  
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31 THAT the Interim Joint Committee On Public Retirement & Social Security  
32 Programs study the economical, social, and other effects of permitting public  
33 employees to receive benefits from the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement  
34 System while being employed by the state;  
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36 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the Interim Joint Committee On Public

1 Retirement & Social Security Programs study the number of state agency  
2 directors and grade-99 state employees that are receiving benefits from the  
3 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System and a salary from the state and  
4 the economic, social, and other effects of permitting this activity;

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6 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the Interim Joint Committee On Public  
7 Retirement & Social Security Programs study the number of members of the  
8 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System entitled to a waiver of the  
9 termination-period requirement under Act 657 of 2009 and the economic,  
10 social, and other effects of waivers under Act 657 of 2009;

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12 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the Interim Joint Committee On Public  
13 Retirement & Social Security Programs study the number of public employees  
14 that have retired under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System and  
15 returned to work for the state since Act 657 of 2009 was enacted and the  
16 economic, social, and other effects of permitting this activity; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that the Interim Joint Committee On Public  
19 Retirement & Social Security Programs study the feasibility and effectiveness  
20 of legislation requiring state agencies to notify the legislature when an  
21 agency director or deputy director retires.

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23 Respectfully submitted,

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