

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-189

2  
3 REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND  
4 LABOR STUDY COST-EFFICIENT METHODS FOR TRACKING ELECTRONIC SALES  
5 INFORMATION OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE PRODUCTS ACROSS STATE LINES.  
6

7 WHEREAS, while millions of Americans across the country rely on  
8 effective over-the-counter cold and allergy medications containing  
9 pseudoephedrine for their intended use, a percentage of individuals buy these  
10 same medications with the intent of diverting a component into the illegal  
11 and highly volatile drug, methamphetamine; and  
12

13 WHEREAS, methamphetamine is a highly addictive stimulant and the most  
14 prevalent synthetic drug in the United States of America; and  
15

16 WHEREAS, an electronic tracking system can provide an advantage over  
17 paper logs as data is centralized and available to law enforcement in a state  
18 and across state lines; and  
19

20 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has implemented its own state-operated  
21 real-time electronic tracking system for pseudoephedrine pursuant to Arkansas  
22 Code § 5-64-1106, but sharing data from this system with other states is  
23 often difficult; and  
24

25 WHEREAS, an electronic tracking system with the ability to be shared  
26 across state lines could eliminate the ability of individuals to travel from  
27 state to state to purchase pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing  
28 methamphetamine; and  
29

30 WHEREAS, an electronic tracking system with the ability to be shared  
31 across state lines could save the lives of citizens of Arkansas by reducing  
32 or eliminating domestic manufacturing of methamphetamine; and  
33

34 WHEREAS, the citizens of Arkansas are entitled to the maximum  
35 protection practicable from the harmful effects of methamphetamine abuse and

1 the harmful effects of excessive and improper exposure to illicit clandestine  
2 laboratories for the manufacture of methamphetamine; and

3  
4 WHEREAS, for numerous reasons, the State of Arkansas should strongly  
5 support efforts to study cost-efficient methods for tracking electronic sales  
6 information of pseudoephedrine products across state lines to protect the  
7 citizens of Arkansas,

8  
9 NOW THEREFORE,

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

12  
13 THAT the House Committee On Public Health, Welfare And Labor study  
14 different ideas and methods designed to cost-efficiently track electronic  
15 sales information of pseudoephedrine products across state lines, including  
16 different strategies, programs, or initiatives currently used by other states  
17 to track electronic sales information of pseudoephedrine products across  
18 state lines

19  
20 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT, upon request, the Department of Health,  
21 the Department of Human Services, and the Arkansas Crime Information Center  
22 shall provide assistance to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare,  
23 and Labor to perform this study.

24  
25 Respectfully submitted,

26  
27  
28  
29 Representative Greg Leding

30 District 86

31 By: JMB/JMB  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36