

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-004

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETIETH  
4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFER TO THE JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
5 A STUDY OF THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AGENCIES IN ARKANSAS, THE  
6 PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STANDARDS, AND WHETHER THE NEED FOR THESE  
7 REGULATORY ACTIVITIES EXISTS.  
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9 WHEREAS, licensing standards and requirements for professions in this  
10 state are unduly burdensome and excessive; and  
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12 WHEREAS, many of the licensing regulations are unnecessary and  
13 irrelevant to public health or safety; and  
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15 WHEREAS, excessive regulation of private industry stalls economic  
16 growth,  
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18 NOW THEREFORE,  
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20 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 THAT the Joint Performance Review Committee study the agencies, boards,  
24 commissions, committees, and other regulatory entities of this state that set  
25 professional standards and license and register the various professionals and  
26 businesses of this state to ascertain whether:

27 (1) The agencies, boards, commissions, committees, and other  
28 regulatory entities are necessary to serve a public peace, health, or safety  
29 function;

30 (2) The rules and standards of the agencies, boards,  
31 commissions, committees, and other regulatory entities are necessary to serve  
32 a public health or safety function;

33 (3) The economic impact of regulation on small businesses and  
34 the state economy by these agencies, boards, commissions, committees, and  
35 other regulatory entities is beneficial to the public peace, health, and  
36 safety of citizens of this state; and

1                   (4) The continued existence of these agencies, boards,  
2 commissions, committees, other regulatory entities and their rules and  
3 standards is to the benefit or detriment of the state.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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