

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-177

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE,
4 AND LABOR STUDY WHETHER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD REMOVE THE
5 ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT THAT THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OF THE
6 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES ALLOCATE THE FIRST
7 SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) OF THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150)
8 POSITIONS FOR THE FRESHMAN MEDICAL CLASS AMONG THE CONGRESSIONAL
9 DISTRICTS IN THE STATE.

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11 WHEREAS, the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for
12 Medical Sciences has a limited number of positions for which applicants are
13 granted admission to the medical school; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Arkansas that the most
16 qualified applicants be granted admission to the College of Medicine of the
17 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and

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19 WHEREAS, the admission of the most qualified applicants to the College
20 of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences will ensure
21 that those students who are admitted are more likely to graduate and that the
22 money of the taxpayers of this state is well-spent,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
26 THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study
29 whether the General Assembly should remove the admissions requirement that
30 the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
31 allocate the first seventy percent (70%) of the first one hundred fifty (150)
32 positions for the freshman medical class among the congressional districts in
33 the state.

1 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT by July 1, 2018, the study be completed and a
2 report presented to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
3 with findings and recommendations from the study.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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9 Representative Justin Boyd

10 District 77

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