

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-109

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE HOUSE  
4 COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A  
5 STUDY CONCERNING THE BENEFITS OF COUNTY FAIRS, DISTRICT FAIRS,  
6 AND YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWS.

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8 WHEREAS, every year, county fairs, district fairs, and livestock shows  
9 take place all across Arkansas, with thousands of Arkansans attending the  
10 events; and

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12 WHEREAS, the General Assembly appropriates money for a fair funding  
13 program within the Department of Agriculture to assist in these events across  
14 the state; and

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16 WHEREAS, there is a compelling state interest in ensuring that the  
17 benefit of these events be fully understood by the General Assembly in order  
18 to make decisions regarding future funding needs and other issues related to  
19 county fairs, district fairs, and youth livestock shows,

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21 NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FOURTH  
23 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on  
26 Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development a study concerning the  
27 benefits of county fairs, district fairs, and youth livestock shows.

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29 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that when conducting the study, the House Committee on  
30 Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development invite stakeholders to  
31 provide input, including without limitation requesting the participation of  
32 county fair associations, livestock associations, and representatives from  
33 the Arkansas Youth Expo.

1 Respectfully submitted,

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5 Representative Frances Cavanaugh

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