

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-210

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH
4 ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REFER TO THE SENATE INTERIM
5 COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH A STUDY ON THE PLACEMENT OF
6 FOREIGN MINORS PARTICIPATING IN FOREIGN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
7 IN ARKANSAS HOMES.

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9 WHEREAS, the Foreign Student Exchange programs provide international
10 minors with a valuable opportunity to study and learn the culture of the
11 United States;

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13 WHEREAS, the Foreign Student Exchange Programs also provides the minors
14 of Arkansas with the opportunity to learn about different cultures, languages
15 and traditions;

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17 WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that the process for placing minors
18 in the Foreign Student Exchange program is reviewed and monitored to ensure
19 the safety and well-being of the minors;

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21 WHEREAS, there is currently little oversight on the placement of
22 foreign exchange minors with host families; and

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24 WHEREAS, it has been documented that there have been inappropriate
25 placement of foreign minors in Arkansas homes,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH
29 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the Senate Interim
32 Committee on Children and Youth a study on the placement of foreign minors
33 participating in foreign student exchange programs in Arkansas homes.

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35 Respectfully submitted,

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