

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-220

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE SENATE
4 INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS A
5 STUDY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING STATE EMPLOYEES WHO TRAVEL
6 LONG DISTANCES TO THEIR PLACE OF WORK TO SCHEDULE A FOUR-DAY WORK
7 WEEK.

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9 WHEREAS, state employees play a vital role in providing critical
10 services to citizens of Arkansas; and

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12 WHEREAS, rising gas costs have an impact on state employees,
13 particularly those who travel long distances to their places of work; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of both state employees and citizens of
16 the state to study ways to reduce this burden in a manner that allows the
17 state to retain employees most affected by the increased costs of travel; and

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19 WHEREAS, one possible means of achieving this goal is to allow state
20 employees who live certain distances from their places of work to schedule a
21 four-day work week; and

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23 WHEREAS, this concept merits closer study to determine if it would
24 allow state agencies to maintain their high levels of performance for the
25 citizens of the state of Arkansas while providing relief to those employees
26 most challenged by rising travel costs,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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32 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the Senate Interim
33 Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs a study on the
34 possibility of allowing state employees who travel long distances to their
35 place of work to schedule a four-day work week.

1 Respectfully submitted,

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5 Senator Tracy Steele

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