

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-236

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE CHARITABLE, PENAL, AND CORRECTIONAL
4 INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
5 STUDY THE POSSIBLE PRIVATIZATION OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN
6 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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8 WHEREAS, correctional facilities in the state of Arkansas face both
9 financial and logistical challenges as they strive to serve the state's
10 inmate population; and

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12 WHEREAS, the state should consider all options that might improve the
13 state's correctional operations; and

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15 WHEREAS, among the options that merit closer study is the possible
16 privatization of state or local correctional facilities; and

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18 WHEREAS, the possible advantages of privatization include the cost-
19 effective provision of correctional needs, implementation of new ideas and
20 management techniques, the use of new programs to reduce recidivism, and the
21 alleviation of facility overcrowding; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Legislative Council should study this issue in
24 advance of the upcoming legislative session to determine if correctional
25 facility privatization would be a benefit to correctional services,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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31 THAT the Charitable, Penal, and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee
32 of the Arkansas Legislative Council study the possible privatization of
33 correctional facilities in the state of Arkansas.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee invite a member of the
36 Sheriff's Association, a member of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of

1 Police, a member of the Board of Corrections, a county judge, a
2 representative of the Attorney General's Office, and a prosecuting attorney
3 to participate as nonvoting members of the study.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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