

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-171

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES
4 AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS STUDY THE POSSIBLE USE OF INCENTIVES BY
5 STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO ENCOURAGE THE
6 EFFICIENT DESIGN OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.
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8 WHEREAS, public works projects by the State of Arkansas and political
9 subdivisions of the state, including school districts, represent major
10 investments of public funds; and
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12 WHEREAS, a public works project should be designed in a manner that
13 produces an efficient and functional project at a reasonable price; and
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15 WHEREAS, if a public works project is overdesigned for actual needs,
16 public funds will be wasted by paying too much for the design and
17 construction of the project; and
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19 WHEREAS, one possible means of encouraging the efficient design of
20 public works projects is for state agencies and political subdivisions to
21 provide incentives for cost-efficient designs to firms designing public works
22 projects,
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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH (88th)
26 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
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28 THAT the Senate Interim Committee on State Agencies and Governmental
29 Affairs study the possible use of incentives by state agencies and political
30 subdivisions to firms designing public works projects to encourage the
31 designing of public works projects in an efficient manner that will ensure
32 fair and accurate pricing during the bid process and the construction of the
33 project.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim committee permit the testimony
2 of persons with knowledge of the costs associated with public works projects
3 as a part of the interim study.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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