| 1  | INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-023  |   |  |
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| 2  | State of Arkansas  | As Engrossed: H3/17/15                    |  |
| 3  | 90th General Assembly  | A Bill                                    |  |
| 4  | Regular Session, 2015  | HOUSE BILL 1979                           |  |
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| 6  | By: Representatives Sabin, Bentley, Richmond                                   |   |  |
| 7  |  |   |  |
| 8  | Filed with: House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development |   |  |
| 9  |  | pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.             |  |
| 10 | For An Act To Be Entitled  |   |  |
| 11 | AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE                                 |   |  |
| 12 | POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMY, EXPAND THE                          |   |  |
| 13 | LOCALLY PRODUC   | ED FOOD MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND     |  |
| 14 | HEALTH IN THE STATE, PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND                                   |   |  |
| 15 | DETERMINE THE FUTURE NEEDS RELATED TO A LOCAL FOOD-                            |   |  |
| 16 | BASED INITIATI   | VE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.               |  |
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| 19 |  | Subtitle                                  |  |
| 20 | TO REQUIE  | RE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE           |  |
| 21 | POLICIES   | NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE                  |  |
| 22 | ECONOMY,   | EXPAND THE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD          |  |
| 23 | MARKET, I  | MPROVE NUTRITION AND HEALTH,              |  |
| 24 | PREVENT E  | YOOD WASTE, AND EVALUATE A LOCAL          |  |
| 25 | FOOD-BASE  | CD INITIATIVE.                            |  |
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| 28 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENER   | AL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:     |  |
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| 30 | SECTION 1. DO NOT C  | ODIFY. <u>Legislative findings.</u>       |  |
| 31 | The General Assembly finds that:   |   |  |
| 32 | (1) Arkansas consistently ranks in the top two (2) in the                      |   |  |
| 33 | country in food insecurity; and  |   |  |
| 34 | (2) There is a growing need to provide local foods to feed                     |   |  |
| 35 | <u>communities across Arkansa</u>  | s and build a diverse and robust economy. |  |
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| 1        | SECTION 2. The purpose of this act is to have the General Assembly and       |  |  |
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| 2        | relevant stakeholders:   |  |  |
| 3        | (1) Study the policies necessary to enhance the local economy,               |  |  |
| 4        | expand the locally produced food market, improve the nutrition and health of |  |  |
| 5        | our communities, prevent food waste, and determine the future needs related  |  |  |
| 6        | to a local food-based initiative; and  |  |  |
| 7        | (2) Report on the results of the study to the Legislative                    |  |  |
| 8        | Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the Joint Budget       |  |  |
| 9        | Committee, by December 31, 2016.   |  |  |
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| 14       | Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives                            |  |  |
| 15       | Prepared by: VJF   |  |  |
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