

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-023

2 State of Arkansas
3 90th General Assembly
4 Regular Session, 2015

As Engrossed: H3/17/15

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1979

5
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 PRODUCED 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 INITIATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

17
18
19 **Subtitle**

20 TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE
21 POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE
22 ECONOMY, EXPAND THE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD
23 MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND HEALTH,
24 PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND EVALUATE A LOCAL
25 FOOD-BASED INITIATIVE.

26
27
28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

29
30 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

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 communities across Arkansas and build a diverse and robust economy.
36

