

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-195

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3 REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
4 LABOR STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A FAST TRACK FOR
5 ADMISSION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES TO MEDICAL
6 SCHOOL TO BECOME PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS.

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8 WHEREAS, a significant difference exists in the amount and type of
9 training received by advanced practice registered nurses and by physicians;
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12 WHEREAS, a pathway to receive primary care physician training should
13 exist for those advanced practice registered nurses desiring to practice
14 medicine; and

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16 WHEREAS, the training that an advanced practice registered nurse
17 receives should count toward fulfilling the admissions requirements to attend
18 medical school and become a primary care physician; and

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20 WHEREAS, having more primary care physicians will lead to higher
21 quality health care for citizens of Arkansas; and

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23 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should pursue efforts to improve access
24 to primary care by increasing the healthcare professional workforce,

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26 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR
27 OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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29 THAT the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study
30 the feasibility of establishing a fast track for admission of advanced
31 practice registered nurses to medical school to become primary care
32 physicians.

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34 Respectfully submitted,

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