

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-005

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION,
4 TECHNOLOGY, AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS STUDY THE EFFECTS OF
5 BROADBAND SERVICE IN THIS STATE AND THE IMPACT OF ACTS 2011, NO.
6 1050.

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8 WHEREAS, broadband service in the State of Arkansas is an important
9 feature that many citizens and municipalities are interested in
10 understanding; and

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12 WHEREAS, Arkansas enacted Acts 2011, No. 1050, to encourage and support
13 expansion of broadband service; and

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15 WHEREAS, Acts 2011, No. 1050, expanded the prohibition of certain
16 government entities from providing data, broadband, video, and wireless
17 service; and

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19 WHEREAS, in order to promote efficient, comprehensive, and cost
20 effective broadband service in the State of Arkansas, a study should be done
21 to understand the full impact of Acts 2011, No. 1050, on broadband service in
22 this state; and

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24 WHEREAS, the impact of Acts 2011, No. 1050, on municipal broadband
25 would be beneficial to the citizens of this state,

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27 NOW THEREFORE

28 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND
29 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
30 ARKANSAS:

31 TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF BROADBAND SERVICE IN THIS STATE AND THE IMPACT OF
32 ACTS 2011, NO. 1050.

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34 Respectfully submitted,

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