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                            INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-104
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           REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY STUDY THE
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           TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED COSTS, FOR A
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           CONCEALED CARRY ENDORSEMENT ON A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED
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           HANDGUN.
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           WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(g)(2)(A)(iii) states that a person
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     who wishes to obtain a concealed carry endorsement on a license to carry a
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     concealed handgun shall first complete additional training approved by the
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     Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police and that the additional
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     training required for the concealed carry endorsement "be offered by all
     training instructors and at all concealed carry training courses"; and
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           WHEREAS, requiring a concealed carry training instructor to offer the
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     concealed carry endorsement training every time the instructor offers the
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     concealed carry training course required for a license to carry a concealed
     handgun is unreasonable; and
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           WHEREAS, an instructor may desire not to offer the concealed carry
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     endorsement training if offering the concealed carry endorsement training as
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     part of the concealed carry training course would put the instructor at a
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     financial disadvantage; and
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           WHEREAS, requiring an instructor to offer and conduct the concealed
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     carry endorsement training as part of the concealed carry training course is
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     an undue burden on the instructor that should be removed; and
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           WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(g)(2)(A)(iv) states that the
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     concealed carry endorsement training shall cost "no more than a nominal
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     amount"; and
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           WHEREAS, although an instructor may wish to offer a more comprehensive
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     concealed carry training course that includes the additional training
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     required for the concealed carry endorsement, the nominal-cost requirement
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     associated with offering the more thorough training may work as a
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     disincentive for the instructor to develop or offer the more thorough
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     training if the instructor determines that he or she would not be adequately
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     compensated for his or her time; and
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           WHEREAS, independent market forces should be allowed to dictate what an
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     instructor can charge for the additional training required for a licensee to
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     obtain a concealed carry endorsement,
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     NOW THEREFORE,
     BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY OF THE NINETY-FIRST
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     GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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           THAT the Senate Committee on Judiciary study the additional training
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     requirements, including associated costs, for a concealed carry endorsement
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     on a license to carry a concealed handgun.
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    Respectfully submitted,
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