

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-141

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE HOUSE
4 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR A STUDY ON THE
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF A BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM FOR A PERSON WHO
6 ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE A FIREARM OR TO ACQUIRE A FIREARM BY
7 TRANSFER FROM A THIRD PARTY.
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9 WHEREAS, the United States have recently experienced an outbreak of
10 mass shootings, and other mass shootings have occurred in the past; and
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12 WHEREAS, a number of these mass shootings may have been prevented if a
13 robust background check system designed to screen potential buyers or
14 transferees of firearms for preexisting mental illnesses, prior criminal
15 convictions, and other conditions that are not conducive to responsible
16 firearm ownership or use had been in place; and
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18 WHEREAS, background checks for potential buyers or transferees of
19 firearms for preexisting mental illnesses, prior criminal convictions, and
20 other conditions that are not conducive to responsible firearm ownership or
21 use enjoy broad and significant bipartisan support, both in Arkansas and
22 nationwide; and
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24 WHEREAS, given the benefit to the public welfare that would arise from
25 preventing persons with mental illness, prior criminal convictions, and other
26 conditions that are not conducive to responsible firearm ownership or use
27 from lawfully obtaining a firearm from a third party, the House Committee on
28 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor is the appropriate committee to conduct
29 this study,
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31 NOW THEREFORE,
32 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-SECOND
33 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
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35 THAT the Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on Public
36 Health, Welfare, and Labor a study concerning the creation and implementation

1 of a robust background check system designed to screen potential buyers or
2 transferees of firearms for preexisting mental illnesses, prior criminal
3 convictions, and other conditions that are not conducive to responsible
4 firearm ownership or use.

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6 Respectfully submitted,

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