| 1 | INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-117 | |
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| 3 | 94th General Assembly A Bill CRH/H | С |
| 4 | Third Extraordinary Session, 2024 HOUSE BILL | L |
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| 6 | By: Representative Pilkington | |
| 7 | Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Lab | or |
| 8 | pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-21 | 7. |
| 9 | For An Act To Be Entitled | |
| 10 | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM; AND FOR | |
| 11 | OTHER PURPOSES. | |
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| 15 | TO ESTABLISH A BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM. | |
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| 18 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: | |
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| 20 | SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 15, Subchapter 1, is | |
| 21 | amended to add an additional section to read as follows: | |
| 22 | <u>27-15-102. Legislative intent — Blue Envelope Program.</u> | |
| 23 | (a) The General Assembly intends to establish a Blue Envelope Program | |
| 24 | to ease communication between an individual with autism spectrum disorder and | <u>d</u> |
| 25 | law enforcement during a motor vehicle-related interaction. | |
| 26 | (b)(1) By January 1, 2026, the Department of Finance and | |
| 27 | Administration shall develop and make available a specially designed blue | |
| 28 | envelope that will hold a driver's essential documents, including without | |
| 29 | limitation a driver's license, vehicle registration, and contact card. | |
| 30 | (2) The blue envelope developed under subsection (b)(2) of this | |
| 31 | section shall include communication guidelines on its exterior that are | |
| 32 | specifically tailored to assist a law enforcement officer in recognizing and | |
| 33 | adapting his or her approach when interacting with a driver with autism | |
| 34 | spectrum disorder. | |

| 1 | (c) Beginning January 1, 2026, an individual with autism spectrum |
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| 2 | disorder who would like to obtain a blue envelope may request a blue envelope |
| 3 | at his or her local department office. |
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| 6 | Referred by Representative Pilkington |
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