

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-004

REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETIETH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFER TO THE JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
A STUDY OF THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AGENCIES IN ARKANSAS, THE
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STANDARDS, AND WHETHER THE NEED FOR THESE
REGULATORY ACTIVITIES EXISTS.

WHEREAS, licensing standards and requirements for professions in this
state are unduly burdensome and excessive; and

WHEREAS, many of the licensing regulations are unnecessary and
irrelevant to public health or safety; and

WHEREAS, excessive regulation of private industry stalls economic
growth,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Joint Performance Review Committee study the agencies, boards,
commissions, committees, and other regulatory entities of this state that set
professional standards and license and register the various professionals and
businesses of this state to ascertain whether:

(1) The agencies, boards, commissions, committees, and other
regulatory entities are necessary to serve a public peace, health, or safety
function;

(2) The rules and standards of the agencies, boards,
commissions, committees, and other regulatory entities are necessary to serve
a public health or safety function;

(3) The economic impact of regulation on small businesses and
the state economy by these agencies, boards, commissions, committees, and
other regulatory entities is beneficial to the public peace, health, and
safety of citizens of this state; and

1 (4) The continued existence of these agencies, boards,
2 commissions, committees, other regulatory entities and their rules and
3 standards is to the benefit or detriment of the state.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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