

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2011-171

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES  
4 AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS STUDY THE POSSIBLE USE OF INCENTIVES BY  
5 STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO ENCOURAGE THE  
6 EFFICIENT DESIGN OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.  
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8 WHEREAS, public works projects by the State of Arkansas and political  
9 subdivisions of the state, including school districts, represent major  
10 investments of public funds; and  
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12 WHEREAS, a public works project should be designed in a manner that  
13 produces an efficient and functional project at a reasonable price; and  
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15 WHEREAS, if a public works project is overdesigned for actual needs,  
16 public funds will be wasted by paying too much for the design and  
17 construction of the project; and  
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19 WHEREAS, one possible means of encouraging the efficient design of  
20 public works projects is for state agencies and political subdivisions to  
21 provide incentives for cost-efficient designs to firms designing public works  
22 projects,  
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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH (88th)  
26 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:  
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28 THAT the Senate Interim Committee on State Agencies and Governmental  
29 Affairs study the possible use of incentives by state agencies and political  
30 subdivisions to firms designing public works projects to encourage the  
31 designing of public works projects in an efficient manner that will ensure  
32 fair and accurate pricing during the bid process and the construction of the  
33 project.  
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1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim committee permit the testimony  
2 of persons with knowledge of the costs associated with public works projects  
3 as a part of the interim study.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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