1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-050
2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H4/2/13
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6	By: Representative Kizzia
7	Filed with: Interim House Committee on Education
8	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.
9	For An Act To Be Entitled
10	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
11	ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION;
12	to study the effective use of state resources and
13	COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL
14	OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE (5); AND
15	FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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18	Subtitle
19	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF
20	THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY
21	CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1, is amended
27	to add an additional section to read as follows:
28	6-45-112. Study of educational programs for children from birth
29	through five (5) years of age.
30	(a) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on
31	Education in partnership with the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission and
32	other organizations identified by the House Committee on Education and the
33	Senate Committee on Education, shall conduct an interim study of Arkansas
34	early childhood education to:
35	(1) Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's
36	current programs serving children from birth to five (5) years of age;

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1	(2) Determine policies and program needs that will most
2	efficiently and effectively utilize the state's available resources; and
3	(3) Identify additional programs, resources, or program changes
4	needed to improve outcomes for children from birth to five (5) years of age.
5	(b) The study shall review:
6	(1) Accessibility to programs;
7	(2) Program quality;
8	(3) State policy;
9	(4) Existing data;
10	(5) Coordination between programs; and
11	(6) Accountability of the programs.
12	(c) The study shall consider a wide variety of programs, including
13	without limitation early childhood education programs under the Arkansas
14	Better Chance Program Act, § 6-45-101 et seq., that affect this age-group and
15	that have the potential to impact the development of children in this age
16	group.
17	(d) A written report of the study shall be presented to the House
18	Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education by October 1,
19	<u>2014.</u>
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25	Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives
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