

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-150

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY CONDUCT A STUDY
4 CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILD BY A PARENT INTO THE HOME OF
5 A LEGAL CUSTODIAN WITH COURT OVERSIGHT PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT OF
6 THE CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
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8 WHEREAS, one of the most important functions required of the Department
9 of Human Services is the protection of children in the State of Arkansas; and
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11 WHEREAS, the process of child placement involves not only the
12 department but also significant involvement by the parent with the judicial
13 system; and
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15 WHEREAS, the best interests of a child in the State of Arkansas may be
16 served by placing the child in the custody of an appropriate relative or
17 appropriate caregiver by a parent with oversight by the circuit court rather
18 than placing the child in foster care; and
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20 WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the department, the judicial system, and
21 the General Assembly to continuously study and refine the procedures
22 concerning the placement of a child with a legal custodian,
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24 NOW THEREFORE

25 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 THAT the Senate Committee on Judiciary conduct a study concerning the
29 placement of a child by the parent into the home of a legal custodian.
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31 Respectfully submitted,
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