1		INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-038					
2	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: \$4/22/21					
3	93rd General Assembly	A Bill					
4	Regular Session, 2021	SENATE BILL 611					
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6	By: Senator D. Wallace						
7		Filed with: Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor					
8	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.						
9		For An Act To Be Entitled					
10	AN ACT TO	CREATE THE ACUITY-BASED CARE COMMITTEE; TO					
11	RECOMMEND	PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES TO CREATE					
12	STANDARDI	ZATION AND CONSISTENCY IN NURSE STAFFING					
13	WITHIN HO	SPITALS AND REHABILITATION AND LONG-TERM					
14	CARE FACI	LITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.					
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17		Subtitle					
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19	COM	AITTEE; AND TO RECOMMEND PROTOCOLS AND					
20	PROC	CEDURES TO CREATE STANDARDIZATION AND					
21	CONS	SISTENCY IN NURSE STAFFING WITHIN					
22	HOSI	PITALS AND REHABILITATION AND LONG-					
23	TERN	A CARE FACILITIES.					
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26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:					
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28		PORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. <u>Acuity-Based Care</u>					
29	<u>Committee - Creation</u>	<u> — Membership — Duties.</u>					
30	<u>(a) There is c</u>	reated the Acuity-Based Care Committee to study nurse					
31		tals, rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care					
32	facilities.						
33		tee shall consist of the following members:					
34		mber of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare,					
35	and Labor appointed b	y the Speaker of the House of Representatives;					

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1	(2) A member of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare,					
2	and Labor appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;					
3	(3) A representative of the Department of Health;					
4	(4) A representative of the Department of Human Services;					
5	(5) A representative of the Arkansas Hospital Association, Inc.;					
6	(6) A representative of the Arkansas Nurses Association;					
7	(7) A representative of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing;					
8	(8) A representative of the Arkansas Health Care Association;					
9	(9) A representative of the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership;					
10	(10) A representative of the Arkansas Minority Health					
11	Commission;					
12	(11) A representative of the Arkansas Center for Nursing, Inc.;					
13	(12) A representative of the Arkansas Organization of Nurse					
14	Executives;					
15	(13) A representative of the Arkansas Chapter of the Alzheimer's					
16	Association;					
17	(14) A representative of the Arkansas State Office of AARP,					
18	Inc.;					
19	(15) A representative of the Arkansas Emergency Nurses					
20	Association;					
21	(16) A representative of the Arkansas Nursing Home Nurses					
22	Association;					
23	(17) A representative of the Arkansas Chapter of the American					
24	Association of Critical Care Nurses;					
25	(18) A representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield; and					
26	(19) A representative of Centene Corporation.					
27	(c) If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the vacancy shall be filled					
28	by the same process as the original appointment.					
29	(d) The legislative members of the committee shall be paid per diem					
30	and mileage as authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim					
31	committees of the General Assembly.					
32	(e)(1) The Director of the Department of Health shall call the first					
33	meeting of the <i>committee</i> within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this					
34	act and shall serve as chair at the first meeting.					

1	(2) At the first meeting of the <i>committee</i> , the members of the						
2	committee shall elect from the committee's membership a chair or cochairs and						
3	other officers as needed for the transaction of its business.						
4	(3)(A) The <i>committee</i> shall meet at the Department of Health.						
5	(B) Meetings of the <i>committee</i> shall be held at least						
6	one (1) time every three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of						
7	the chair or cochairs.						
8	(4) The committee shall establish rules and procedures for						
9	conducting its business.						
10	(5)(A) A majority of the members of the <i>committee</i> shall						
11	constitute a quorum for transacting business of the committee.						
12	(B) An affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present						
13	shall be required for the passage of a motion or other <i>committee</i> action.						
14	(6) The Department of Health shall provide staff, meeting space,						
15	and materials for the committee.						
16	(f)(1) The purpose of the committee is to examine and identify areas						
17	of needed reform with regard to the protocol, procedures, and mechanisms						
18	related to current nurse staffing practices in all hospitals, rehabilitation						
19	facilities, and long-term care facilities.						
20	(2) To achieve this purpose, the <i>committee</i> shall:						
21	(A) Study practices and protocols of other states with						
22	regard to nurse staffing;						
23	(B) Consult stakeholders and interested parties in the						
24	state; and						
25	(C) Develop best practices and recommended protocols,						
26	including identifying areas of needed statutory or regulatory reform with						
27	regard to nurse staffing.						
28	(g) On or before March 1, 2022, the committee shall file with the						
29	House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee						
30	on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor a final written report of the						
31	committee's activities, findings, and recommendations.						
32	(h) The committee shall expire on March 1, 2022.						
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34	/s/D. Wallace						
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