1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-023
2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/17/15
3	90th General Assembly A B1II
4	Regular Session, 2015 HOUSE BILL 1979
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6	By: Representatives Sabin, Bentley, Richmond
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8	Filed with: House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development
9	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.
10	For An Act To Be Entitled
11	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE
12	POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMY, EXPAND THE
13	LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND
14	HEALTH IN THE STATE, PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND
15	DETERMINE THE FUTURE NEEDS RELATED TO A LOCAL FOOD-
16	BASED INITIATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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19	Subtitle
20	TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE
21	POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE
22	ECONOMY, EXPAND THE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD
23	MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND HEALTH,
24	PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND EVALUATE A LOCAL
25	FOOD-BASED INITIATIVE.
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28	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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30	SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.
31	The General Assembly finds that:
32	(1) Arkansas consistently ranks in the top two (2) in the
33	country in food insecurity; and
34	(2) There is a growing need to provide local foods to feed
35	communities across Arkansas and build a diverse and robust economy.
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1	SECTION 2. The purpose of this act is to have the General Assembly and
2	relevant stakeholders:
3	(1) Study the policies necessary to enhance the local economy,
4	expand the locally produced food market, improve the nutrition and health of
5	our communities, prevent food waste, and determine the future needs related
6	to a local food-based initiative; and
7	(2) Report on the results of the study to the Legislative
8	Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the Joint Budget
9	Committee, by December 31, 2016.
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14	Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives
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