

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 483
OF 1979, PERTAINING TO PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND PUR-
CHASING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, Act 483 of 1979 established procedures designed to regulate and prohibit conflicts of interest with respect to public contracting and purchasing by State agencies; and

WHEREAS, confusion has arisen over the interpretation of a number of provisions of said Act and the application of said provisions to specific circumstances involving public contracting and purchasing; and

WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine the extent to which Act 483 of 1979 has accomplished the goals and purposes for which said legislation was originally enacted, and to determine whether revisions and modifications in said Act are needed to encourage competition in public contracting and purchasing, yet providing protection against conflicts of interest;
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Joint Interim Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs shall make a study of the provisions of Act 483 of 1979, for the purpose of determining whether said Act is accomplishing its initial purposes and objectives, and whether amendments or changes in said Act are needed to encourage competition with respect to public contracting and purchasing, yet providing proper standards to prevent abuse resulting from conflicts of interest.