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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

8 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGING AND  
9 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS TO DO A COMPARATIVE ANALYSES OF THE  
10 ARKANSAS CODE AND CORRESPONDING ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS  
11 RELATIVE TO THE ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN AND THOSE  
12 RELATIVE TO THE ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN  
13 ORDER TO ENSURE COMPARABLE PROTECTION.

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### Subtitle

16 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGING AND  
17 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS TO ENSURE THE ADEQUACY OF THE ABUSE  
18 AND NEGLECT LAWS TO PROTECT THE ELDERLY POPULATION.

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20 WHEREAS, Arkansas has a significant Senior Citizen population that is  
21 continuously growing as more out of state residents continue to choose  
22 Arkansas as their retirement home;

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24 WHEREAS, because of improvements in medical technology, the elderly  
25 population is living longer, which makes them more vulnerable to the problems  
26 of abuse and neglect;

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28 WHEREAS, the adequacy of laws relative of the abuse and neglect of  
29 adults has never been identified as an issue of concern in Arkansas, and  
30 therefore, has not been analyzed;

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32 WHEREAS, problems of the abuse and neglect relative to our children  
33 have been a pressing issue for several years and the statutes in this regard  
34 have been reviewed intensely to ensure that there are adequate safeguards to  
35 protect the safety of this population; and

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WHEREAS, wisdom dictates that Arkansas' elderly population deserves the same protection.

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Joint Interim Committee on Aging and Legislative Affairs is requested to conduct a study of the Arkansas Code and corresponding administrative regulations to determine if existing statutes safeguard our elderly population from abuse and neglect at least as adequately as existing statutes protect our children from abuse and neglect; and further, to develop legislation to ensure comparable protection of this important segment of our population.

