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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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9 AND LABOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY WHICH SHALL EXAMINE VARIOUS
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19 WHEREAS, physician assistants are mid-level health care practitioners
20 that have a great deal to offer the health care delivery system in Arkansas;

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22 WHEREAS, physician assistants are under-utilized in the State of
23 Arkansas;

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25 WHEREAS, the health care delivery system in the State of Arkansas would
26 benefit from having more mid-level health care practitioners that could
27 improve access to health care services in a cost effective manner.

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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33 THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor conduct a
34 study which shall examine the following issues in regard to physician
35 assistants:

36 (1) raising the licensing requirements for physician assistants;

1 (2) expanding the scope of practice of physician assistants to include
2 prescriptive authority, the ordering of rehabilitation/physical medicine
3 procedures, and participation in emergency services when under the supervision
4 of a licensed physician;

5 (3) establishing advanced physician assistant specialties in
6 anesthesiology and pathology;

7 (4) authorizing and encouraging the employment of physician assistants
8 by the State of Arkansas;

9 (5) permitting reimbursement of the employing physician for physician
10 assistant services by the State Medicaid program and other third party payors.

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12 FURTHER RESOLVED

13 THAT the Arkansas State Medical Board should assist the House Committee
14 on Public Health, Welfare and Labor in conducting the study regarding
15 physician assistants and should, in conjunction with the study, review any
16 regulations affecting the practice of physician assistants.

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