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5 By: Representatives Dees, Agee, Bledsoe, Bond, Borhauer, Carson, J. Elliott, Green, Judy, King,  
6 Rodgers, Salmon, Shoffner, W. Walker

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9 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

10 REQUESTING THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGING,  
11 CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
12 TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ARKANSAS' ADOPTION LAW.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 FOR A STUDY ON THE NEED TO AMEND  
16 ARKANSAS ADOPTION LAW.

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19 WHEREAS, children and their well-being are important to the people of  
20 the State of Arkansas; and

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22 WHEREAS, Arkansas adoption law has been maligned in the national and  
23 international media which has referred to Arkansas as "the Las Vegas of  
24 Adoptions"; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Adoption code was adopted in 1969; and

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28 WHEREAS, there has not been a comprehensive study of Arkansas adoption  
29 law since 1994; and

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31 WHEREAS, a study should be made to determine the need for changes in  
32 Arkansas law in order to protect Arkansas' children; and

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34 WHEREAS, the study should make recommendations for possible legislative  
35 changes in adoption law as well as programmatic changes needed to better serve  
36 Arkansas' children.

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

That the House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and Youth,  
Legislative and Military Affairs study the laws of Arkansas pertaining to  
adoptions.