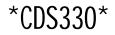
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| 24 | SECTION 1. <u>Findi</u> | ngs. | | |
| 25 | <u>(a) The State of</u> | F Arkansas administers the Communit | <u>y Development Block</u> | |
| 26 | <u>Grants program funded b</u> | y the United States Department of a | Housing and Urban | |
| 27 | <u>Development.</u> | | | |
| 28 | <u>(b)</u> The State of | FArkansas is among the only states | in the country | |
| 29 | without an open and com | petitive process regarding the exp | enditure of these | |
| 30 | funds for county and ci | ty governments. | | |
| 31 | <u>(c)</u> The Communit | y Development Block Grants program | is intended to | |
| 32 | benefit poor and rural areas of the United States, including the Delta region | | | |
| 33 | and other impoverished areas of Arkansas. | | | |
| 34 | <u>(d) Many poor, r</u> | rural and impoverished areas in Arka | ansas and the Del ta | |
| 35 | <u>region have been unable</u> | e to compete for the Community Deve | <u>lopment Block Grants</u> | |
| 36 | program funds in a fair | <u>° and equitable fashion.</u> | | |



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| 2 | SECTION 2. <u>Study and Report.</u> | | |
| 3 | (a) Prior to the submission of the annual extension report and | | |
| 4 | consolidated plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban | | |
| 5 | Development, the Senate Interim Committee on Agriculture, Economic, and | | |
| 6 | Industrial Development and House Interim Committee on Agriculture and | | |
| 7 | Economic Development shall study how other states implement Community | | |
| 8 | Development Block Grants programs to ensure fair and equitable competition to | | |
| 9 | poor and rural communities. | | |
| 10 | (b) The Senate Interim Committee on Agriculture, Economic, and | | |
| 11 | Industrial Development and House Interim Committee on Agriculture and | | |
| 12 | Economic Development shall report their study findings to the Arkansas | | |
| 13 | Economic Development Commission, and make recommendations to the Eighty- | | |
| 14 | Fourth General Assembly. | | |
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| 16 | /s/ K. Smith | | |
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