## Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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By: Representative Webb
By: Senator L. Chesterfield

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE STATUS OF CERTAIN GROUPS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.


#### Abstract

Subtitle CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE STATUS OF CERTAIN GROUPS. 


BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.
(a) The City, County, and Local Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives shall collect economic data from the political subdivisions across the state to determine women's economic status in Arkansas.
(b) The Institute for Women's Policy Research collected data for a 2002 study that found that women in Arkansas fare poorly economically, and there are wide disparities based on gender, race, ethnicity, and region based on factors including without limitation:
(1) Elderly women living in poverty;
(2) Women-owned businesses;
(3) Women without insurance;
(4) Women in professional positions; and
(5) Women with college degrees.

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    (c) The committee shal1:
    (1) Study the presence, influence, opportunities, challenges,
and barriers for women in Arkansas;
    (2) Study and identify the policies necessary to support women
economically;
    (3) Conduct hearings in order to more fully understand from the
research community what is known and unknown concerning the role and presence
of women in business enterprise;
    (4) Conduct hearings to more fully understand the challenges
faced by these women as shared from their own experiences; and
    (5) Conduct hearings to understand existing legal and policy
barriers that women must address.
/s/Webb
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