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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1979

5 By: Representatives Sabin, Bentley, Richmond
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE
10 POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMY, EXPAND THE
11 LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND
12 HEALTH IN THE STATE, PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND
13 DETERMINE THE FUTURE NEEDS RELATED TO A LOCAL FOOD-
14 BASED INITIATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE
19 POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE
20 ECONOMY, EXPAND THE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD
21 MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND HEALTH,
22 PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND EVALUATE A LOCAL
23 FOOD-BASED INITIATIVE.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

29 The General Assembly finds that:

30 (1) Arkansas consistently ranks in the top two (2) in the
31 country in food insecurity; and

32 (2) There is a growing need to provide local foods to feed
33 communities across Arkansas and build a diverse and robust economy.
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35 SECTION 2. The purpose of this act is to have the General Assembly and
36 relevant stakeholders:



1 (1) Study the policies necessary to enhance the local economy,
2 expand the locally produced food market, improve the nutrition and health of
3 our communities, prevent food waste, and determine the future needs related
4 to a local food-based initiative; and

5 (2) Report on the results of the study to the Legislative
6 Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the Joint Budget
7 Committee, by December 31, 2016.

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