

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-096

REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REQUEST THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS EXAMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND COST SAVINGS OF USING WORK-FROM-ANYWHERE STRATEGIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, the state utilized work-from-home or remote-work options during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, each state entity has developed a separate policy regarding the use of remote work to perform state functions; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is responsible for studying the feasibility, practicability, effectiveness, and cost savings realized through various remote-work arrangements,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs invite the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs to study without limitation the following:

(1) The best policies and practices for allowing employees of the state to work from home or to otherwise work remotely;

(2) The feasibility and practicability of various remote-work arrangements for employees engaged in all types of work and in all regions throughout the state;

(3) The efficiency and effectiveness of the performance of state employees utilizing remote-work arrangements;

(4) The potential cost savings realized through utilizing remote-work options for state employees;

(5) The interest in state entities to use remote-work arrangements; and

1 (6) The benefits, if any, to allowing state employees to
2 participate in remote-work arrangements.

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