

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-120

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY STUDY THE SAFETY  
4 MEASURES IN PLACE AT PORTS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND WHETHER  
5 ANY ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES ARE NECESSARY.

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7 WHEREAS, increased commerce and economic development are of utmost  
8 importance to the State of Arkansas; and

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10 WHEREAS, Arkansas's ports are a key means of increasing the state's  
11 commercial activities; and

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13 WHEREAS, ports are vulnerable to attack as they are often easily  
14 accessible and unprotected; and

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16 WHEREAS, as advances in commerce increase traffic in the state's ports,  
17 it is critical that police and other security protection provided to those  
18 locations be sufficient to protect the ports from unlawful activity,

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY OF THE NINETY-FOURTH  
22 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 THAT the House Committee on Judiciary study the safety measures in  
25 place at ports in the State of Arkansas, including without limitation a study  
26 of:

27 (1) The police protection and other security measures currently  
28 in place at Arkansas ports; and

29 (2) Any additional security that might be necessary to ensure  
30 the protection of Arkansas's ports and the persons utilizing them.

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32 Respectfully submitted,

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