

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2025-007

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER A STUDY TO  
4 THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ON THE FUTURE OF ADULT EDUCATION  
5 IN ARKANSAS.

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7 WHEREAS, in 2023, the Adult Education Section of the Division of  
8 Workforce Services reported that approximately three hundred thousand  
9 (300,000) Arkansans lacked a high school diploma; and

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11 WHEREAS, without a high school diploma or the successful completion of  
12 the General Education Development (GED) test, adults often face difficulties  
13 obtaining meaningful employment; and

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15 WHEREAS, a thorough study of the current state of adult education in  
16 Arkansas is necessary to understand the issues surrounding adult education to  
17 better serve Arkansans,

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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FIFTH  
21 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on  
24 Education a study concerning the future of adult education in Arkansas,  
25 including without limitation a study of:

- 26 (1) General Education Development (GED) tests;  
27 (2) High school diplomas;  
28 (3) In-person adult education charter schools; and  
29 (4) The allocation of funding for adult education.

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31 BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED THAT when conducting the study, the House Committee on  
32 Education invite stakeholders to provide input, including without limitation  
33 the Office of Skills Development, the Division of Career and Technical  
34 Education, and the University of Arkansas Office for Education Policy.

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36 Respectfully submitted,

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