

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2025-009

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3 REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
4 LABOR TO STUDY NURSE STAFFING RATIOS IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES.
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6 WHEREAS, Arkansas does not currently have a law that sets nurse
7 staffing ratios in healthcare facilities; and
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9 WHEREAS, while specific nurse staffing ratios are not required by
10 federal regulations, other states have either set minimum nurse staffing
11 ratios for certain types of healthcare facilities, such as hospitals, or
12 established staffing committees or nurse staffing ratio reporting
13 requirements for certain types of healthcare facilities; and
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15 WHEREAS, studies have shown that lower nurse staffing ratios are
16 associated with improved patient outcomes and reduced readmissions; and
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18 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should study the nurse staffing ratios in
19 healthcare facilities in Arkansas to determine if nurse staffing ratios lead
20 to better health outcomes for patients in this state,
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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
24 THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
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26 THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, with
27 assistance from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, study nurse staffing
28 ratios in healthcare facilities.
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31 Respectfully submitted,
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