

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2025-007

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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