

## INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-146

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3 REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND  
4 LABOR STUDY AUTHORIZING CERTIFIED NURSING AIDES, ALSO KNOWN AS  
5 CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS, TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL CARE AND  
6 DUTIES IN IN-HOME SETTINGS IF APPROPRIATELY TRAINED ON THE SKILL  
7 WHICH IS BEING PERFORMD OR ASSISTED WITH AND CONSENTED TO BY A  
8 PATIENT OR A PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE.  
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10 WHEREAS, certified nursing aides, also known as certified nursing  
11 assistants, are essential to providing in-home care for citizens across this  
12 state; and  
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14 WHEREAS, certified nursing aides provide a wide range of basic care to  
15 patients who are unable to manage their needs alone, including activities  
16 such as bathing, grooming, toileting, eating, and moving; and  
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18 WHEREAS, certified nursing aides have a relatively short training  
19 program and certification timeline as opposed to other healthcare  
20 professionals; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Arkansas has a healthcare professional shortage that has  
23 resulted in difficulty for patients in in-home settings who need care and  
24 duties outside of the scope of practice of a certified nursing aide; and  
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26 WHEREAS, certified nursing aides could be utilized to provide  
27 additional care and duties in in-home settings if appropriately trained on  
28 the skill that is being performed or assisted with and if the patient or the  
29 patient's representative consent to the performance of the care and duties by  
30 a certified nursing aide,  
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32 NOW THEREFORE,

33 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
34 OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:  
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36 THAT the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study

1 authorizing certified nursing aides, also known as certified nursing  
2 assistants, to perform additional care and duties in in-home settings if  
3 appropriately trained on the skill that is being is performed or assisted  
4 with and consented to by the patient or the patient's representative.  
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6 Respectfully submitted,  
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10 Senator Clint Penzo

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