

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2025-086

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Ennett

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE STUDY ON
PERIMENOPAUSE, MENOPAUSE, AND POSTMENOPAUSE HEALTH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE STUDY
ON PERIMENOPAUSE, MENOPAUSE, AND
POSTMENOPAUSE HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Legislative
Study on Perimenopause, Menopause, and Postmenopause Health – Creation –
Duties.

(a) The Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor shall meet to conduct
the Arkansas Legislative Study on Perimenopause, Menopause, and Postmenopause
Health.

(b)(1) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare,
and Labor and the Chair of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and
Labor shall call the first meeting for the purpose of beginning the study
within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act.

(2) The Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor shall meet

1 jointly at least one (1) time every two (2) months to conduct the study but
2 may meet more often at the call of the Chair of the Senate Committee on
3 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Chair of the House Committee on
4 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

5 (c) The purpose of the study is to assess the strengths and weaknesses
6 of the perimenopause, menopause, and postmenopause health resources and care
7 currently available in the State of Arkansas and to recommend legislation to
8 the General Assembly regarding best practices and improvements within the
9 area of perimenopause, menopause, and postmenopause health care for
10 consideration during the 2027 Regular Session.

11 (d) To achieve the purpose of this section, the Senate Committee on
12 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the House Committee on Public Health,
13 Welfare, and Labor shall study the following:

14 (1) Access to and availability of perimenopausal, menopausal,
15 and postmenopausal health care within this state;

16 (2) Medicaid programs regarding perimenopausal, menopausal, and
17 postmenopausal health and other public and private medical reimbursements for
18 perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal healthcare providers and
19 facilities within and without this state;

20 (3) Best practices for provision of perimenopausal, menopausal,
21 and postmenopausal health services;

22 (4) Perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal health
23 programs in other states;

24 (5) The effect of gynecological conditions, such as polycystic
25 ovary syndrome, uterine fibroids, endometriosis, and adenomyosis, on
26 perimenopausal, menopausal, and postmenopausal health; and

27 (6) Other matters related to perimenopausal, menopausal, and
28 postmenopausal health services.

29 (e)(1) On or before December 1, 2026, the Senate Committee on Public
30 Health, Welfare, and Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare,
31 and Labor shall file with the Legislative Council a final written report of
32 their activities, findings, and recommendations.

33 (2) Upon filing, the Arkansas Legislative Study on
34 Perimenopause, Menopause, and Postmenopause Health shall be complete.
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