

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-128

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE HOUSE
4 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION A STUDY OF THE POTENTIAL
5 CREATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE ALL-
6 TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAILS SYSTEM.

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8 WHEREAS, Arkansas offers an abundance of all-terrain vehicle parks and
9 trails which attract nationwide all-terrain vehicle tourism to the state; and

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11 WHEREAS, many small businesses rely heavily on the tourism generated by
12 all-terrain vehicle parks and trails; and

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14 WHEREAS, a large number of the state's all-terrain vehicle trails are
15 located within national parks, and riding all-terrain vehicles is one of the
16 fastest-growing recreational uses of the state's national parks; and

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18 WHEREAS, state parks currently do not allow the use of all-terrain
19 vehicles on state forest roads; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania General Assembly recently appropriated funds
22 to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to
23 develop, open, and maintain, in consultation with the Department of
24 Transportation, a network of all-terrain vehicle trails connecting existing
25 all-terrain vehicle trails to one another by utilizing existing state roads
26 and state forest roads; and

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28 WHEREAS, to stimulate economic development in the region, the future
29 goal is to implement the North Central Pennsylvania All-Terrain Vehicle
30 Initiative and create a network of all-terrain vehicle trails connecting
31 Clinton County to the New York State boarder by utilizing existing state
32 roads and state forest roads; and

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34 WHEREAS in Arkansas, the creation of a statewide all-terrain vehicle
35 trails system utilizing existing state roads to connect forest roads and all-
36 terrain vehicle trails in national parks is necessary to:

1 (1) Increase all-terrain vehicle tourism and economic
2 development in the state; and

3 (2) Promote the economic well-being of small businesses catering
4 to all-terrain vehicle tourism,

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6 NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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10 THAT the Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on Public
11 Transportation a study of the potential creation, development, and
12 implementation of a statewide all-terrain vehicle trails system, including
13 without limitation to determine the:

14 (1) Feasibility of creating a statewide all-terrain vehicle
15 trails system;

16 (2) Criteria for acceptance of an existing state road into the
17 statewide all-terrain vehicle trails system; and

18 (3) Administration of the statewide all-terrain vehicle trails
19 system.

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