

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2025-078

REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER A STUDY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REGARDING THE PROVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE AND TEST-TAKING COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING NURSING CERTIFICATION IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, individuals seeking to become certified nurses in the state are facing difficulties passing the required exam, which results in financial hardships related to retaking the exam; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, many areas within Arkansas have experienced a shortage in nurses; and

WHEREAS, the state should conduct a thorough review of the financial obstacles leading to the current shortage of nurses and prioritize creative solutions to those obstacles, including utilizing Arkansas Workforce Connections to provide instructional and financial assistance to nursing students seeking nursing certification in the state,

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 provision of instructional and financial assistance to Arkansas nursing students, including through the assistance provided by Arkansas Workforce Connections, related to nursing certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT when conducting the study, the House Committee on Education invite relevant stakeholders to provide input.

Respectfully submitted,

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