

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-019

State of Arkansas  
90th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2015

*As Engrossed: H3/17/15*

**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1914

By: Representative K. Ferguson

Filed with: House Committee on Insurance and Commerce  
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITY  
SERVICE TO CONSUMERS; TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRIC UTILITIES  
TO PROVIDE PREPAID ENERGY PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITY  
SERVICE TO CONSUMERS; AND TO AUTHORIZE  
ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO PROVIDE PREPAID  
ENERGY PROGRAMS.

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

*SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Findings and purpose.*

*(a) The General Assembly finds that:*

*(1) An adequate supply of electricity is essential to the safety and well-being of the  
citizens of this state;*

*(2) Through circumstances beyond a citizen's control, the citizen temporary may be  
unable to make utility bill payments on a current basis while providing even more basic necessities of life;*

*(3) Prepaid energy programs have been successfully adopted in neighboring states to  
address the need to maintain utility service to citizens; and*

*(4) The public health and welfare of Arkansas citizens requires that a similar program be  
implemented in this state.*



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