

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1979

By: Representatives Sabin, *Bentley, Richmond*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMY, EXPAND THE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND HEALTH IN THE STATE, PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND DETERMINE THE FUTURE NEEDS RELATED TO A LOCAL FOOD-BASED INITIATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE POLICIES NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMY, EXPAND THE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD MARKET, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND HEALTH, PREVENT FOOD WASTE, AND EVALUATE A LOCAL FOOD-BASED INITIATIVE.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Arkansas consistently ranks in the top two (2) in the country in food insecurity; and

(2) There is a growing need to provide local foods to feed communities across Arkansas and build a diverse and robust economy.

SECTION 2. The purpose of this act is to have the General Assembly and relevant stakeholders:



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(1) Study the policies necessary to enhance the local economy, expand the locally produced food market, improve the nutrition and health of our communities, prevent food waste, and determine the future needs related to a local food-based initiative; and

(2) Report on the results of the study to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the Joint Budget Committee, by December 31, 2016.

/s/Sabin