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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 812

CREATE A STUDY TO EXPLORE HOW TO USE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION, RURAL SERVICES, PUBLIC AGENCIES, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
ORGANIZATIONS IN ADDRESSING QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 812

Amend Senate Bill No. 812 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "USE" and substitute "MAXIMIZE USE OF"

AND

Page 1, line 11, delete "SERVICES" and substitute "SERVICES, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS"

AND

Page 1, delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY

(a) The purpose of this act is to create a study to:

(1) Explore how to maximize the use of the Arkansas Economic
Development Commission, rural services, economic development districts, other
public agencies and organizations, and the private sector in addressing:

(A) Quality-of-life issues in underserved areas, including
without limitation:

(i) Access to housing;
(ii) Access to social and recreational outlets, both
indoor and outdoor;

(iii) Access to comprehensive healthcare;
(iv) Access to a variety of high-quality, healthy
food choices;

(v) Access to shopping choices;
(vi) Deliberate development of community across
boundaries of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, socioeconomic status, age,
geography, and other barriers;

(vii) Local plans to support restorative justice;
(viii) Plans for expansive, inclusive civic
participation; and



- (ix) Access to transportation;
- (B) Promotion of economic opportunity in underserved areas;
- (C) Capacity-building issues across traditional lines of race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, age, geography, and other boundaries, including without limitation:
 - (i) Leadership building;
 - (ii) Deliberate and sustained power-sharing;
 - (iii) Planning; and
 - (iv) Capitalism literacy;
- (D) Internet marketing; and
- (E) Other opportunities for exploration, including without limitation:
 - (i) Implementation of differentiated diagnosis and response to discover and support economic opportunity;
 - (ii) Evaluation of efforts by public agencies and both the private and nonprofit sectors to initiate and support economic opportunities;
 - (iii) Assessment of cooperative efforts among areas with similar and seemingly dissimilar interests; and
 - (iv) Studying how to grow from our past, change direction, rise to new heights, and improve quality of life and economic opportunity for underserved areas by considering the following initiatives:
 - (a) Conducting talent and dream audits;
 - (b) Supporting place-bound possibilities;
 - (c) Promoting necessity-entrepreneurship; and
 - (d) Exploring creative economy; and
- (2) Request that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, rural services, economic development districts, other public agencies and organizations, and the private sector determine the extent to which they are positioned to respond to the needs of underserved areas.
 - (b) As used in this section, "underserved" means an area or a population that has inadequate, insufficient, or under-resourced services."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
 By: Senator Elliott
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 Secretary