

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Senator Hoofman**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ALLOW ANY STATE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION TO  
9 CONDITIONALLY EMPLOY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AN  
10 INDIVIDUAL NOT YET LICENSED AS A PSYCHOLOGIST WHO HAS A  
11 DOCTORAL LEVEL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY AND HAS COMPLETED AN  
12 INTERNSHIP IN THE FIELD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO ALLOW ANY STATE AGENCY TO CONDITIONALLY EMPLOY  
15 AN UNLICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 96 of title 17 of the Arkansas Code  
21 is amended by adding the following section:

22 "17-96-312. (a) State agencies and institutions may employ for a  
23 period of one (1) year a person not licensed under this chapter provided that  
24 the person applying for state employment furnish the employer with  
25 satisfactory evidence that he has received a doctorate degree in psychology  
26 from an accredited institution and has completed an internship in psychology  
27 satisfactory to the employer. Such person may practice psychology under  
28 qualified supervision within the scope of their duties with the state agency  
29 or institution.

30 (b) If, during the one (1) year period, the person fails to obtain  
31 permission from the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Psychology to take the  
32 examination for licensure, the agency or institution shall terminate the  
33 employment of the person.

34 (c) If the person obtains permission to take the examination for  
35 licensure but the examination is scheduled after the end of the one (1) year

1 period, the agency or institution may extend the period of employment until  
2 the results of the next scheduled examination are available. If the person  
3 fails to take the next scheduled examination, the agency or institution shall  
4 terminate the employment of the person.

5 (d) If the person fails the written or oral examination, the agency or  
6 institution shall terminate the employment of the person.

7 (e) A person is only eligible for one (1) period of employment pursuant  
8 to the provisions of this section."

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-36-307(b) is amended by adding the  
11 following section:

12 "(4) Persons meeting the requirements of Arkansas Code 17-96-312 and  
13 obtaining employment with a state agency or institution to practice psychology  
14 under qualified supervision may be designated by the title, Applicant  
15 Psychologist."

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17 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
18 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
19 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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21 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
22 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
23 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
24 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
25 act are declared to be severable.

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27 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
28 hereby repealed.

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