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HOUSE BILL

5
6 By: Representative C. Fite

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY OF ADVANCED
11 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
12 FOR DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AND
13 RELATED SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

14 15 16 Subtitle

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18 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND
19 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS FOR DOCUMENTATION
20 RELATED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED
21 SERVICES.

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-80-120 is amended to read as follows:

27 17-80-120. Signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses
28 and physician assistants.

29 (a) When a provision of law or rule requires a signature,
30 certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician,
31 the requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse or
32 a physician assistant in any of the following circumstances:

33 (1) Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled
34 parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle; or

35 (2) Signature for:

1 (A) Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to
2 participate in athletic activities;

3 (B) Physicals for bus drivers;

4 (C) Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;

5 (D) Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an
6 illness;

7 (E) Death certificates;

8 (F) Workers' compensation forms;

9 (G) Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school
10 purposes; ~~or~~

11 (H) Authorizations for durable medical equipment; or

12 (I) Documentation relating to special education and
13 related services.

14 (b) This section does not expand the scope of practice of an advanced
15 practice registered nurse or physician assistant.

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18 Referred by Representative Gonzales

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