

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-023

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1857

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6 By: Representative Gonzales

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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10 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS STATE  
11 MEDICAL BOARD AND THE ARKANSAS STATE OCCUPATIONAL  
12 THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO MODIFY THE DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS  
17 STATE MEDICAL BOARD AND THE ARKANSAS  
18 STATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINING  
19 COMMITTEE.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-88-201 is amended to read as follows:

25 17-88-201. Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas State  
26 Occupational Therapy Examining Committee.

27 (a) The Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas State  
28 Occupational Therapy Examining Committee shall administer the provisions of  
29 this chapter.

30 (b) ~~With the advice and assistance of the Arkansas State Occupational~~  
31 ~~Therapy Examining Committee, the board~~ The committee shall pass upon the  
32 qualification of applicants for licensure, regulate and supervise all  
33 examinations, determine the applicants who successfully pass the examination,  
34 and license the applicants who meet the qualifications provided in this  
35 chapter.

1 (c) In addition to the other powers and duties set out elsewhere in  
2 this chapter, the board shall:

3 (1) Adopt and put into effect reasonable rules to carry this  
4 chapter into effect;

5 (2) Investigate reported violations of this chapter and take  
6 such steps as may be necessary to enforce this chapter;

7 (3) Keep a record of ~~its~~ the board's proceedings under this  
8 chapter and of all persons registered by ~~it~~ the committee on a register ~~which~~  
9 that shall show the name of every registrant, his or her last known place of  
10 business, his or her last known place of residence, and the date and number  
11 of his or her license; and

12 (4)(A) Compile a list of all occupational therapists who are  
13 licensed to practice occupational therapy in the State of Arkansas.

14 (B) The list shall be printed annually.

15 (C) ~~It~~ The board shall furnish a copy of the list to all  
16 persons requesting ~~it~~ the list upon the payment of a fee as may be fixed by  
17 the board to compensate for the cost of printing the list.

18 (d) The committee shall keep a record of the proceedings conducted  
19 under this chapter.

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22 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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