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A Bill

SENATE BILL 271

5 By: Senator Bledsoe
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO AN ACCREDITATION
9 ORGANIZATION RELATED TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO AN ACCREDITATION
15 ORGANIZATION RELATED TO OCCUPATIONAL
16 THERAPY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-88-302(3), concerning the qualifications
22 for licensing as an occupational therapist, is amended to read as follows:

23 (3)(A) The applicant must have successfully completed the
24 academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy with
25 concentration in biologic or physical science, psychology, and sociology, and
26 with education in selected manual skills.

27 (B) For an occupational therapist, the program shall be
28 accredited by the ~~American Medical Association in collaboration with the~~
29 ~~American Occupational Therapy Association~~ Accreditation Council of
30 Occupational Therapy and shall lead to the awarding of a bachelor's or
31 master's level degree or advanced standing certificate in occupational
32 therapy.

33 (C) For an occupational therapy assistant, the program
34 shall be approved by the ~~American Occupational Therapy Association~~
35 Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy and shall lead to the awarding
36 of an associate level degree in occupational therapy;



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-88-305(c), concerning reciprocity of a license to practice occupational therapy, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Any occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who has been certified by the ~~American Occupational Therapy Association~~ Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy and who has been in continuous practice for the past five (5) years and who comes to Arkansas from a state presently not granting reciprocity or from a state not requiring licensing shall be eligible for licensing in Arkansas.

APPROVED: 3/1/19