

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 2609**

"AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE  
TO QUALIFY TO BE A LIBRARIAN IN ANY CITY, COUNTY, OR REGIONAL LIBRARY  
SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2609.**

Amend House Bill No. 2609 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 29 through 33 and substitute the following:

"librarian, as determined by the State Library Board.

(b)(1) If a regional library system dissolves or any city or county leaves or is removed from the regional library system, then for a period of four (4) years libraries that continue to operate and that had been a part of the regional library system shall continue to receive state aid in the same proportion and in at least the same amount as had been provided by the state prior to the dissolution or change in the regional library system.

(2) If as a result of the dissolution of the library system or a city or county leaving or being removed from a regional library system, a library does not have a librarian with a master's degree from an accredited American Library Association program, then for a period of four (4) years the State Library Board shall make available an annual five thousand dollar (\$5,000) scholarship from state aid to a librarian from the library to pursue a master's degree from an accredited American Library Association program. The scholarship shall be subject to the availability of funds for that purpose."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator J. Taylor

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Secretary