

# Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 1819

TO SPECIFY THE DATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PAY THE  
CERTIFIED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST BONUS.

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### Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1819

Amend House Bill No. 1819 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 8, delete "SPECIFY" and substitute "AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF AND SPECIFY"

AND

Page 1, line 9, delete "CERTIFIED" and substitute "LICENSED"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF AND SPECIFY THE  
DATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
PAY THE LICENSED SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGIST BONUS."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 22-24 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(d)(1) and (2), concerning the Department of Education's payment of a bonus to licensed speech-language pathologists in public schools, are amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) As used in this subsection, "~~certified~~ speech-language pathologist" means a speech-language pathologist who:

(A) Has a master's degree, which includes medical-based training;

(B) Has completed a one (1) year clinical fellowship;

(C) Has passed the specialty area of the National Teachers Examination; and

(D) Holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association."



AND

Page 1, line 27, delete "certified"

AND

Immediately following Section 1 of the bill add the following:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(d) concerning bonuses paid to licensed speech-language pathologists, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(5)(A)(i) If a speech-language pathologist who receives a bonus under this subsection leaves employment in the Arkansas public school system before completing three (3) continuous school years of employment, the speech-language pathologist shall repay the department a prorated portion of the bonus received in the school year based on a daily rate for the remainder of a school year in which the speech-language pathologist leaves employment.

(ii) The first year of the three (3) continuous school years is the first year that the speech-language pathologist received a bonus under this subsection (d).

(iii) The daily rate is calculated as the amount of the annual bonus paid to the speech-language pathologist divided by the number of days in the speech-language pathologist's contract.

(B) The State Board of Education may suspend the Arkansas speech-language pathology license of any person who fails to repay the amount of the bonus required to be repaid under this subdivision (d)(5).

(C) Repayment of all or a portion of a bonus under this subdivision (d)(5) is not required if, due to the death or disability of the speech-language pathologist or other extenuating circumstances as may be recognized by the State Board of Education, the speech-language pathologist does not remain employed in the Arkansas public school system for three (3) continuous school years after first receiving the bonus under this subsection.

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
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