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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative C. Fite

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

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY OF
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS FOR DOCUMENTATION
RELATED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED
SERVICES.

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

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

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

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

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

(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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