

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
Act 386 of the Regular Session

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1586

By: Representative L. Johnson
By: Senator B. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAID WAIVER FOR AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDER TO CLARIFY THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF
QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO DIAGNOSE AUTISM SPECTRUM
DISORDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEDICAID WAIVER FOR AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDER TO CLARIFY THE NUMBER
AND TYPE OF QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO
DIAGNOSE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-124(a)(1), concerning the definition
of "autism spectrum disorder" relating to the Medicaid wavier for autism
spectrum disorder, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Autism spectrum disorder" means a condition that is
diagnosed by at least two (2) qualified professionals of different types from
the list in subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this section who ~~both~~ each conclude that
a child fully meets the diagnostic criteria under the most recent edition of
the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
Mental Disorders;

APPROVED: 3/20/25

