

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**  
4 **By: Representative Givens**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL CERTIFIED LIBRARY MEDIA  
9 PERSONNEL TO STUDENT RATIO IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS  
10 STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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14 SECTION 1. PURPOSE. In order to improve the quality of the  
15 instructional and media program for the children of this state the General  
16 Assembly hereby determines that an appropriate school certified library media  
17 personnel to student ratio is needed to effectively meet the instructional  
18 needs of our public school children.

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20 SECTION 2. (a) For the purposes of this act, a certified media  
21 specialist shall mean those certified by the State Department of Education.

22 (b) Beginning with the 1991-92 school year, all school districts  
23 having less than three hundred (300) students enrolled shall employ at least a  
24 half-time certified library media personnel. A school with three hundred  
25 (300) or more students enrolled shall employ a full-time certified library  
26 media personnel. A school with seven hundred (700) or more students enrolled  
27 shall employ two full-time certified media personnel or one certified media  
28 specialist if two full-time para-professional library media clerks are  
29 employed. Schools enrolling fifteen hundred (1500) or more students, shall  
30 employ two full-time certified library media personnel and two full-time para-  
31 professional library media clerks.

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33 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

