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5 By: Representative Hall  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1172

7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TO ENTER  
9 INTO COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH AREA HEALTH  
10 EDUCATION CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

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15 NURSES TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE  
16 AGREEMENTS WITH AREA HEALTH EDUCATION  
17 CENTERS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 64, Subchapter 4 is amended*  
23 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

24 *6-64-419. Advanced practice nurses at area health education center.*

25 *(a) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may create a*  
26 *program to:*

27 *(1) Train advanced practice nurses for programs operated through*  
28 *area health education centers; and*

29 *(2) Employ advanced practice nurses as employees of an area*  
30 *health education center.*

31 *(b) An advanced practice nurse in training in or employed by an area*  
32 *health education center shall sign a collaborative practice agreement with a*  
33 *physician licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board.*

34 *(c) A collaborative practice agreement under this section shall comply*  
35 *with § 17-87-310 and shall specify without limitation:*

36 *(1) The relationships among the physician, the area health*



1 education center, and the advanced practice nurse; and

2 (2) For an advanced practice nurse:

3 (A) In training, the training required to become an  
4 advanced practice nurse employee of the area health education center; and

5 (B) Employee advanced practice nurse, the location within  
6 the area served by the area health education center at which the advanced  
7 practice nurse will practice.

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