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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1985

By: Representative Biviano

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE  
WITHIN THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD; TO PROVIDE  
FOR PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING THE WORK OF PHYSICIAN  
ASSISTANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT  
COMMITTEE WITHIN THE ARKANSAS STATE  
MEDICAL BOARD.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 95 is amended to add an  
additional subchapter to read as follows:*

### Subchapter 8 – Physician Assistant Committee

#### 17-95-801. Physician Assistant Committee – Members.

(a)(1) The Physician Assistant Committee is created with the Arkansas  
State Medical Board.

(2) The committee shall consist of five (5) members as follows:

(A) Three (3) members who shall be members of the Arkansas  
State Medical Board; and

– (B) Two (2) physician assistants members selected by the  
board from a list of physician assistants nominated by the Arkansas Academy  
of Physician Assistants.

(b)(1)(A) Committee members who are physician assistants shall serve  
three-year terms.



1 (B) Committee members who are physician assistants shall  
2 not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

3 (2) A physician assistant committee member shall serve until a  
4 successor is appointed by the board.

5 (3) If a vacancy occurs among the committee members who are  
6 physician assistants, the board shall appoint a new member from a list of  
7 three (3) physician assistants nominated by the Arkansas Academy of Physician  
8 Assistants to fill the vacancy.

9 (c)(1) The committee shall elect a chair with powers and duties the  
10 committee shall fix.

11 (2) The chair shall serve a two-year term.

12 (3) A chair may be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive  
13 terms.

14 (d)(1) A quorum of the committee shall be three (3) members.

15 (2) The committee shall hold a meeting at least quarterly and at  
16 other times the committee considers advisable to review applications for  
17 licensure or renewal and for approval of the protocol between the physician  
18 assistant and the supervising physician.

19 (e)(1) The committee members who are physician assistants shall serve  
20 without remuneration.

21 (2) However, if funds are available, the committee members who  
22 are physician assistants may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in  
23 accordance with § 25-16-902, as follows:

24 (A) Their actual expenses while attending regular and  
25 special meetings of the committee; and

26 (B) A per diem allowance when in attendance at regular or  
27 special meetings of the committee.

28 (f) The members of the committee who are members of the board shall  
29 receive remuneration as now provided to members of the board.

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31 17-95-802. Duties of Physician Assistant Committee.

32 The Physician Assistant Committee shall:

33 (1) Review all applications for physician assistants' licensure  
34 and for renewal of physician assistants' licensure;

35 (2) Review of protocols between a physician assistant and a  
36 supervising physician;

1                   (3) Recommend to the Arkansas State Medical Board approval or  
2 disapproval of applications submitted under subdivision (1) of this section  
3 and of protocols reviewed under subdivision (2) of this section;; and  
4                   (4) Recommend the approval, disapproval, or modification of the  
5 application for prescriptive privileges for a physician assistant.

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