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A Bill

SENATE BILL 458

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HIRE A CERTIFIED
9 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHO DOES NOT HAVE A
10 MASTERS DEGREE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HIRE A
14 CERTIFIED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHO
15 DOES NOT HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 41, Subchapter 3, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-41-314. Employment of a licensed or certified speech-language
24 pathologist.

25 (a) A school board of directors of a school district may hire a
26 licensed speech-language pathologist or a speech-language pathologist who is
27 certified by the Department of Education.

28 (b) The department shall certify an individual as a speech-language
29 pathologist if the individual:

30 (1) Holds a baccalaureate degree in speech-language pathology
31 from an educational institution recognized by the Board of Examiners in
32 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; and

33 (2) Meets all other requirements established by the State Board
34 of Education.

35 (c) A certified speech-language pathologist under this section is
36 limited to providing speech-language pathology services for a public school



1 district as permitted under § 17-100-104(4).

2 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement this
3 section.