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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1724

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF LIBRARY MEDIA
9 SPECIALISTS A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL EMPLOY BASED ON THE
10 NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 SPECIALISTS A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL EMPLOY
17 BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED
18 IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 29, is
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-15-2919. Library media specialist.

26 (a) Each public school shall employ a library media specialist who:

27 (1) Meets the licensure requirements under law and Division of
28 Elementary and Secondary Education rules; or

29 (2) Is working under a licensure exception as provided under law
30 and division rules.

31 (b)(1) A public school with fewer than five hundred (500) enrolled
32 students shall employ at least one (1) half-time library media specialist.

33 (2) A public school with five hundred (500) or more enrolled
34 students shall employ at least one (1) full-time library media specialist.

35 (3) A public school with fifteen hundred (1,500) or more
36 enrolled students shall employ at least two (2) full-time library media



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