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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1724

5 By: Representatives Tosh, Long
6 By: Senator Caldwell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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18 BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED
19 IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 29, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-15-2919. Library media specialist.

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

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

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

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

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

36 (3) A public school with fifteen hundred (1,500) or more



1 enrolled students shall employ at least two (2) full-time library media
2 specialists.

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