1	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S2/10/25
2	95th General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2025SENATE BILL 181
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5	By: Senator D. Sullivan
6	By: Representative R. Burkes
7	For An Act To Be Entitled
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9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIBRARY LAW; TO AMEND THE
10	REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE LIBRARIAN; TO AMEND THE
11	REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS;
12	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15	Subtitle
16	TO AMEND THE LIBRARY LAW; TO AMEND THE
17	REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE LIBRARIAN;
18	AND TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
19	REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS.
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 13-2-204(b), concerning the State
24	Librarian, is amended to read as follows:
25	(b) <u>(l) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, The</u>
26	the State Librarian shall be a person of good professional standing and
27	reputation, holding at least a master's degree from a graduate school of
28	library science accredited by the American Library Association, and shall
29	have had experience in library administration in academic, public, school, or
30	special libraries.
31	(2) Work experience in the field of library science may be
32	substituted for a master's degree from a graduate school of library science
33	accredited by the American Library Association if approved by the board.
34	(3) The requirements under subdivision (b)(2) of this section
35	shall not disqualify the library from receiving state funds.
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1	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 13-2-905(c)(2), concerning the regional
2	library directors for regional library systems, is amended to read as
3	follows:
4	(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2)(B) of this
5	section, The the director shall have a master's degree from an accredited
6	American Library Association program.
7	(B) Work experience in the field of library operations may
8	be substituted for a master's degree from an accredited program in library
9	operations if approved by the regional library system board of trustees
10	employing the director.
11	(C) The requirements under subdivision (c)(2)(B) of this
12	section shall not disqualify a regional library system from receiving state
13	<u>funds.</u>
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15	/s/D. Sullivan
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