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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1214

By: Representative Bentley

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR  
WITHIN THE LONG-TERM CARE AIDE TRAINING ACT; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF PRIMARY  
INSTRUCTOR WITHIN THE LONG-TERM CARE  
AIDE TRAINING ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-10-702 is amended to read as follows:  
20-10-702. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) “General nursing experience” means nursing experience obtained through employment, internship, externship, or other means and includes without limitation employment in a nursing assistant education program or employment in or supervision of nursing students in a nursing facility or unit, a geriatrics department excluding a geriatric psychiatry department, a long-term acute care hospital, home healthcare, hospice care, or other long-term care setting;

(2) “Long-term care facility” means a nursing home, a residential care facility, an assisted living facility, an adult daycare facility, or any other facility which provides long-term medical or personal care; and

~~(2)~~(3) “Primary instructor” means a registered nurse who:

(A)(i) Is licensed in this state; or



(ii) Holds a multistate privilege to practice if the registered nurse moves from a state that has joined the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact, §17-87-601 et seq., to Arkansas and meets all requirements for licensure in Arkansas;

(B) Does not have any disciplinary action regarding his or her license by the licensing entity or authority; ~~and~~

(C)~~(i)~~ Possesses a minimum of two (2) years' general nursing experience as a registered nurse including at least one (1) year of long-term care nursing services in a nursing facility setting within the last ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) years; and

(D) Annually attends an eight (8) hour class authorized by the Department of Human Services regarding updates to applicable laws and rules, best practices, and common issues encountered in long-term care facilities.

~~(ii) As used in this section, "general nursing experience" may include without limitation employment in a nursing assistant education program or employment in or supervision of nursing students in a nursing facility or unit, geriatrics department excluding a geriatric psychiatry department, long-term acute care hospital, home healthcare, hospice care, or other long-term care setting.~~

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