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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1586

By: Representative L. Johnson

By: Senator B. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAID WAIVER FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TO CLARIFY THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO DIAGNOSE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEDICAID WAIVER FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TO CLARIFY THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO DIAGNOSE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-124(a)(1), concerning the definition of "autism spectrum disorder" relating to the Medicaid wavier for autism spectrum disorder, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Autism spectrum disorder" means a condition that is diagnosed by at least two (2) qualified professionals of different types from the list in subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this section who ~~both~~ each conclude that a child fully meets the diagnostic criteria under the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;

APPROVED: 3/20/25

