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A Bill

SENATE BILL 458

By: Senator J. Hutchinson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HIRE A CERTIFIED
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHO DOES NOT HAVE A
MASTERS DEGREE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HIRE A
CERTIFIED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHO
DOES NOT HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 41, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-41-314. Employment of a licensed or certified speech-language pathologist.

(a) A school board of directors of a school district may hire a licensed speech-language pathologist or a speech-language pathologist who is certified by the Department of Education.

(b) The department shall certify an individual as a speech-language pathologist if the individual:

(1) Holds a baccalaureate degree in speech-language pathology from an educational institution recognized by the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; and

(2) Meets all other requirements established by the State Board of Education.

(c) A certified speech-language pathologist under this section is limited to providing speech-language pathology services for a public school



district as permitted under § 17-100-104(4).

(d) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement this section.