

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1913

By: Representative Bentley

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LONG-TERM CARE AIDE TRAINING ACT;
TO SPECIFY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR LONG-TERM AIDE
TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LONG-TERM CARE AIDE TRAINING
ACT; AND TO SPECIFY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS
FOR LONG-TERM AIDE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

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. ~~Definition~~ Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, ~~;~~

(1) "Long-term "long-term care facility" means a nursing home, residential care facility, an assisted living facility, an adult day-care facility, or any other facility which provides long-term medical or personal care; and

(2) "Primary instructor" means a registered nurse who:

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

(ii) Holds a multi-state privilege to practice if the registered nurse moves from a state that has joined the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact 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) years.

(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.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-10-705(b), as amended by Acts 2019, No. 315, § 1881, concerning the rules of the Office of Long-Term Care regarding aide training programs for long-term care facilities, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The rules shall require training programs to:

(A) Provide no fewer than ninety (90) clock hours of training; ~~and~~

(B) Include in those ninety (90) clock hours no fewer than fifteen (15) clock hours of training specific to Alzheimer's disease and related dementia; and

(C) Have only one (1) primary instructor for each course.

(2) The training programs required under this subsection shall take effect only if funds are available.

(3) The training program established under this section shall be known as the "Barbara Broyles Training Program".