

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1724

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By: Senator Caldwell

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL EMPLOY BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL EMPLOY BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 29, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-15-2919. Library media specialist.

(a) Each public school shall employ a library media specialist who:

(1) Meets the licensure requirements under law and Division of Elementary and Secondary Education rules; or

(2) Is working under a licensure exception as provided under law and division rules.

(b)(1) A public school with fewer than five hundred (500) enrolled students shall employ at least one (1) half-time library media specialist.

(2) A public school with five hundred (500) or more enrolled students shall employ at least one (1) full-time library media specialist.

(3) A public school with fifteen hundred (1,500) or more



enrolled students shall employ at least two (2) full-time library media specialists.

*/s/Tosh*