

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 181

By: Senator D. Sullivan
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For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIBRARY LAW; TO AMEND THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE LIBRARIAN; TO AMEND THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

*TO AMEND THE LIBRARY LAW; TO AMEND THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE LIBRARIAN;
AND TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 13-2-204(b), concerning the State Librarian, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, The the State Librarian shall be a person of good professional standing and reputation, holding at least a master's degree from a graduate school of library science accredited by the American Library Association, and shall have had experience in library administration in academic, public, school, or special libraries.

(2) Work experience in the field of library science may be substituted for a master's degree from a graduate school of library science accredited by the American Library Association if approved by the board.

(3) The requirements under subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall not disqualify the library from receiving state funds.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 13-2-905(c)(2), concerning the regional library directors for regional library systems, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2)(B) of this section, ~~The~~ the director shall have a master's degree from an accredited American Library Association program.

(B) Work experience in the field of library operations may be substituted for a master's degree from an accredited program in library operations if approved by the regional library system board of trustees employing the director.

(C) The requirements under subdivision (c)(2)(B) of this section shall not disqualify a regional library system from receiving state funds.

/s/D. Sullivan