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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 181

5 By: Senator D. Sullivan  
6 By: Representative R. Burkes  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIBRARY LAW; TO AMEND THE  
10 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE LIBRARIAN; TO AMEND THE  
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LIBRARY LAW; TO AMEND THE  
16 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE LIBRARIAN;  
17 AND TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
18 REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTORS.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 13-2-204(b), concerning the State  
24 Librarian, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

34 (3) The requirements under subdivision (b)(2) of this section  
35 shall not disqualify the library from receiving state funds.  
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1           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 13-2-905(c)(2), concerning the regional  
2 library directors for regional library systems, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

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

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

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

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15                                   /s/D. Sullivan  
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