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2 95th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1586

5 By: Representative L. Johnson  
6 By: Senator B. Davis  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAID WAIVER FOR AUTISM  
10 SPECTRUM DISORDER TO CLARIFY THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF  
11 QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO DIAGNOSE AUTISM SPECTRUM  
12 DISORDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 AND TYPE OF QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO  
19 DIAGNOSE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.  
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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 § 20-77-124(a)(1), concerning the definition  
24 of "autism spectrum disorder" relating to the Medicaid wavier for autism  
25 spectrum disorder, is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) "Autism spectrum disorder" means a condition that is  
27 diagnosed by at least two (2) qualified professionals of different types from  
28 the list in subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this section who ~~both~~ each conclude that  
29 a child fully meets the diagnostic criteria under the most recent edition of  
30 the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of  
31 Mental Disorders;  
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34 **APPROVED: 3/20/25**  
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