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A Bill

SENATE BILL 181

5 By: Senator D. Sullivan
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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

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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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