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The LAAC provides periodic updates to inform members about recent advocacy efforts and to request input from members about their advocacy needs.

In February, 2017, the LAAC was notified of an expedited [bill](#) in the Arkansas General Assembly that aimed to create an avenue to challenge the practice and operation of certain licensing boards, opening the door for deregulation of the practice of psychology. The LAAC provided support and resources for NAN members in Arkansas to aggressively oppose the bill, which subsequently did not pass. State policy and legislative issues similar to this are difficult to track without “boots on the ground” in each state to assist with ongoing advocacy efforts. The LAAC still needs NAN members to volunteer as state representatives monitoring legislation in Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The time commitment is minimal, and your efforts could help protect the practice of psychology! [Contact us](#) to learn more about becoming a designated representative in your state.