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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1710

5 By: Representative S. Meeks
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY
9 REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY
13 REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH
14 SCHOOL.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-16-149. Civics – World History.

24 (a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the State Board of
25 Education shall require students to earn the following in grade eleven (11)
26 or grade (12) as a requirement to graduate from high school:

27 (1) One (1) unit of civics; and

28 (2) One-half (1/2) unit of world history.

29 (b) The Department of Education shall develop standards for the civics
30 course required under subsection (a) of this section that provide that:

31 (1) One-quarter (1/4) of the course shall be dedicated to
32 reading, studying, discussing, and displaying competency in understanding:

33 (A) The Declaration of Independence;

34 (B) The United State Constitution; and

35 (C) The Northwest Ordinance; and

36 (2) One-quarter (1/4) of the course shall be dedicated to



1 reading, studying, discussing, and displaying competency in understanding
2 selected portions of the Federalist Papers.

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