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A Bill

SENATE BILL 878

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PASS THE UNITED STATES
9 CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES
10 CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATIONS SERVICES BEFORE HE OR
11 SHE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A
12 GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA FROM A STATE ENTITY; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PASS THE UNITED
17 STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED
18 BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND
19 IMMIGRATIONS SERVICES BEFORE HE OR SHE
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21 OR A GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 6-16-146. United States Citizenship Civics Test.

30 (a)(1) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, in order to receive a
31 high school diploma from a public school or a general education diploma from
32 a state entity, a student shall:

33 (A) Take a test that is identical to the civics portion of
34 the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
35 Services; and

36 (B) Correctly answer at least sixty (60) of the one



1 hundred (100) test questions.

2 (2) A student may retake the test as many times as necessary to
3 achieve a passing score.

4 (b) The State Board of Education shall determine the method and manner
5 in which to administer a test that is identical to the civics portion of the
6 naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
7 Services.

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