

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-097

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2 State of Arkansas  
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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 878

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6 By: Senators Rapert, *Bledsoe, Caldwell, A. Clark, Collins-Smith, J. Cooper, J. English, Flipppo, J.*  
7 *Hendren, Hester, B. Johnson, Rice, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, E. Williams*  
8 *By: Representatives Cozart, Scott*

9 Filed with: Senate Committee on Education  
10 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

11 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

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20 **Subtitle**

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26 OR A GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

33 6-16-146. United States Citizenship Civics Test.

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

