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A Bill

ACT 343 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1236

4 **By: Representatives Thicksten and Mahony**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 5-4-323 TO REQUIRE THAT A
9 COURT DEMANDING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TOWARD COMPLETION OF A
10 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR A GED CERTIFICATE AS A CONDITION OF
11 PROBATION OR SUSPENDED SENTENCE SHALL PROVIDE
12 DOCUMENTATION OF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S
13 COMMISSION ON ADULT LITERACY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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**"TO REQUIRE THAT COURTS SHALL PROVIDE
DOCUMENTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL OR GED PROGRAM
PARTICIPATION TO THE COMMISSION ON ADULT
LITERACY."**

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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 § 5-4-323(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

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**"(a)(1)(A) As an additional requirement for suspension of sentence or probation, the
25 court shall require any person who is convicted of a felony or Class A misdemeanor to make a
26 good faith effort towards completion of a high school diploma or a General Education
27 Development (GED) certificate unless the person has already achieved the diploma or
28 certificate.**

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**(B) Such requirement shall be implemented only upon the acceptance of
30 the person by the administrative head of the school or program.**

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**(C) If no appropriate school or program can be found, the requirement
32 is of no effect.**

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**(2) The court, after consultation with the school or program, shall determine
34 the appropriate documentation for those individuals participating under the provisions of this
35 section and shall report all documentation of program participation on a quarterly basis to the
36 *Administrative Office of the Courts* who shall then report to the Governor's Commission on**

