

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Mahony**

A Bill

ACT 688 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1275

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ATTACH A
9 SEAL, STAMP, OR OTHER SYMBOL TO TRANSCRIPTS AND HIGH
10 SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED
11 EITHER THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CORE CURRICULUM OR THE
12 TECHNICAL PREPARATION CORE CURRICULUM WITH A MINIMUM GRADE
13 POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 2.75; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ATTACH SEALS TO TRANSCRIPTS
17 AND DIPLOMAS OF STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE COLLEGE PREP OR
18 TECH. PREP CORE CURRICULUM WITH A 2.75 GPA."

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

22 SECTION 1. The General Assembly hereby recognizes and acknowledges that
23 in recent years a high school diploma has lost credibility as a warranty that
24 the recipient has the basic knowledge and skills necessary for either an
25 entry-level job or for postsecondary education. The General Assembly further
26 recognizes that the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, and
27 local school districts have worked diligently to establish and implement a
28 college preparatory core curriculum and a technical preparation core
29 curriculum in Arkansas secondary schools. Students who complete either core
30 curriculum with a satisfactory grade point average (GPA) should receive
31 recognition for both perseverance and a job well done. It is the purpose of
32 this legislation to both further that recognition and to increase the
33 confidence of Arkansans in the value of diplomas awarded by the State's public
34 schools.

36 SECTION 2. (a) Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, a school

1 district shall attach a seal, stamp, or other symbol to transcripts and
2 diplomas awarded to high school students who have completed either the college
3 preparatory core curriculum or the technical preparation core curriculum with
4 a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75.

5 (b) The State Board of Education is authorized to promulgate rules and
6 regulations for the implementation of this Act.

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8 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
9 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
10 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
14 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
16 act are declared to be severable.

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18 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
19 hereby repealed.

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/s/J. Mahony

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