

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

# A Bill

ACT 275 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1060

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5 By: Representative Young  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO EARN THE  
10 NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIRED BY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR  
11 GRADUATION SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRADUATION WITHOUT REGARD  
12 TO THE STUDENTS GRADE LEVEL; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

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17 WHO EARN THE NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIRED  
18 BY LOCAL DISTRICTS FOR GRADUATION SHALL  
19 BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRADUATION WITHOUT  
20 REGARD FOR THE STUDENTS' GRADE LEVEL."  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code  
25 Annotated is amended by adding the following section to read as follows:

26 "6-18-224. Early graduation.

27 Any student who is enrolled in a public high school in Arkansas and has  
28 earned the number of credits required by the local school district for  
29 graduation shall be eligible to graduate from the high school without regard  
30 to the grade level the student is enrolled in at the time such credits are  
31 earned."  
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33 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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1 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
 2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
 3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
 4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
 5 act are declared to be severable.

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7 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
 8 hereby repealed.

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10 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General  
 11 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is some disparity in practice  
 12 among school districts as to whether students can be allowed to graduate early  
 13 when they have completed all courses and credits required by the school  
 14 district for graduation and that immediate implementation of this act is  
 15 necessary for clarification prior to the end of the current school year and  
 16 graduation time. Therefore an emergency is declared to exist and this act  
 17 being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health  
 18 and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor.  
 19 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become  
 20 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor  
 21 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
 22 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the  
 23 veto.

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