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2	79th General Assembly ABII ACT 343 OF 1993
3	Regular Session, 1993HOUSE BILL1236
4	By: Representatives Thicksten and Mahony
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7	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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15	Subtitle
16	"TO REQUIRE THAT COURTS SHALL PROVIDE
17	DOCUMENTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL OR GED PROGRAM
18	PARTICIPATION TO THE COMMISSION ON ADULT
19	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:
24	"(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.
29	(B) Such requirement shall be implemented only upon the acceptance of
30	the person by the administrative head of the school or program.
31	(C) If no appropriate school or program can be found, the requirement
32	is of no effect.
33	(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 <i>the</i>
36	Administrative Office of the Courts who shall then report to the Governor's Commission on

1	Adult Literacy."
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3	SECTION 2 . All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are
4	amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision
5	Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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7	SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or
8	circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
9	the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end
10	the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
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12	SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
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14	/s/E. Thicksten, et al
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16	APPROVED: 03/03/93
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