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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1956

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPLY ACADEMIC  
9 CREDIT RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT FOR THE  
10 COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TOWARD GRADUATION;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 SCHOOL STUDENT FOR THE COMPLETION OF  
17 COMMUNITY SERVICE TOWARD GRADUATION.  
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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 § 6-16-120 is amended to read as follows:  
24 6-16-120. Academic credit for community service.

25 (a) ~~Beginning with the 1996-1997 school year, a~~ A student who has  
26 completed a minimum of seventy-five (75) clock hours of documented community  
27 service in grades nine through twelve (9-12), as certified by the service  
28 agency or organization to the school, shall ~~be eligible to~~ receive one (1)  
29 academic credit that ~~may~~ shall be applied toward graduation.

30 (b) The community service shall ~~be:~~

31 (1) Be in programs or activities approved by the State Board of  
32 Education and the local school district board of directors; and ~~shall include~~

33 (2) Include preparation, action, and reflection components.

34 ~~(c) A local school district board of directors may grant a waiver of~~  
35 ~~this requirement with notice to the state board.~~

36 ~~(d)(c)~~ The state board ~~is hereby authorized to~~ may promulgate rules



1 necessary for the implementation of this section.

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