1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-097	
2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: \$3/16/15	
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4	Regular Session, 2015 SENATE BILL 878	3
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6	By: Senators Rapert, Bledsoe, Caldwell, A. Clark, Collins-Smith, J. Cooper, J. English, Flippo, J.	
7	Hendren, Hester, B. Johnson, Rice, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, E. Williams	
8	By: Representatives Cozart, Scott	
9	Filed with: Senate Committee on Education	1
10	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217	
11	For An Act To Be Entitled	
12	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PASS THE UNITED STATES	
13	CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES	
14	CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATIONS SERVICES BEFORE HE OR	
15	SHE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A	
16	GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA FROM A STATE ENTITY; AND	
17	FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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20	Subtitle	
21	TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PASS THE UNITED	
22	STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED	
23	BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND	
24	IMMIGRATIONS SERVICES BEFORE HE OR SHE	
25	RECEIVES A DIPLOMA FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL	
26	OR A GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA	
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29	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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31	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended	
32	to add an additional section to read as follows:	
33	6-16-146. United States Citizenship Civics Test.	
34	(a)(1) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, in order to receive a	
35	high school diploma from a public school or a general education diploma from	
36	a state entity, a student shall:	

1	(A) Take a test that is identical to the civics portion of
2	the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
3	Services; and
4	(B) Correctly answer at least sixty (60) of the one
5	hundred (100) test questions.
6	(2) A student may retake the test as many times as necessary to
7	achieve a passing score.
8	(b) The State Board of Education shall determine the method and manner
9	in which to administer a test that is identical to the civics portion of the
10	naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
11	Services.
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