

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-097

2 State of Arkansas

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6 By: Senators Rapert, *Bledsoe, Caldwell, A. Clark, Collins-Smith, J. Cooper, J. English, Flippo, J.*
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8 *By: Representatives Cozart, Scott*

9 Filed with: Senate Committee on Education
10 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PASS THE UNITED STATES
12 CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES
13 CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATIONS SERVICES BEFORE HE OR
14 SHE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A
15 GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA FROM A STATE ENTITY; AND
16 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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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:

