

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1060

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5 By: Representative Young

For An Act To Be Entitled

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."

Subtitle

16 "TO PROVIDE THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
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 8 hereby repealed.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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