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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 878

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended  
30 to add an additional section to read as follows:

31 6-16-146. United States Citizenship Civics Test.

32 (a)(1) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, in order to receive a  
33 high school diploma from a public school or a general education diploma from  
34 a state entity, a student shall:

35 (A) Take a test that is identical to the civics portion of  
36 the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration



1 Services; and

2 (B) Correctly answer at least sixty (60) of the one  
3 hundred (100) test questions.

4 (2) A student may retake the test as many times as necessary to  
5 achieve a passing score.

6 (b) The State Board of Education shall determine the method and manner  
7 in which to administer a test that is identical to the civics portion of the  
8 naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration  
9 Services.

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