

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 878

By: Senators Rapert, *Bledsoe, Caldwell, A. Clark, Collins-Smith, J. Cooper, J. English, Flippo, J. Hendren, Hester, B. Johnson, Rice, D. Sanders, G. Stubblefield, E. Williams*  
By: Representatives *Cozart, Scott*

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

### **Subtitle**

TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PASS THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATIONS SERVICES BEFORE HE OR SHE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

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

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

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



Services; and

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

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

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

*/s/Rapert*