

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1956

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPLY ACADEMIC CREDIT RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT FOR THE COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TOWARD GRADUATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPLY ACADEMIC CREDIT RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT FOR THE COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TOWARD GRADUATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-120 is amended to read as follows:
6-16-120. Academic credit for community service.

(a) ~~Beginning with the 1996-1997 school year, a~~ A student who has completed a minimum of seventy-five (75) clock hours of documented community service in grades nine through twelve (9-12), as certified by the service agency or organization to the school, shall ~~be eligible to~~ receive one (1) academic credit that ~~may~~ shall be applied toward graduation.

(b) The community service shall ~~be:~~

(1) Be in programs or activities approved by the State Board of Education and the local school district board of directors; and ~~shall include~~

(2) Include preparation, action, and reflection components.

~~(c) A local school district board of directors may grant a waiver of this requirement with notice to the state board.~~

~~(d)~~(c) The state board ~~is hereby authorized to~~ may promulgate rules



necessary for the implementation of this section.