

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1756

By: Representative Vaught

By: Senator B. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT; TO ALLOW A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR PERSON STANDING IN LOCO PARENTIS TO A STUDENT TO DOCUMENT AND MAINTAIN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS THE STUDENT OBTAINS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR PERSON STANDING IN LOCO PARENTIS TO A STUDENT TO DOCUMENT AND MAINTAIN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS THE STUDENT OBTAINS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-1901(a), concerning the requirement that students complete documented community service, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Beginning with the graduating class of 2026-2027, a public high school student shall complete 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 with which the public school student volunteers,~~ in order to graduate.

(2)(A) The community service hours required under subdivision (a)(1) of this section may be documented and maintained by the parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to the student.

(B) The documentation of community service hours under



subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section:

(i) Shall include an attestation by the parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to the student that the student obtained the community service hours that are documented; and

(ii) May be audited by the Department of Education to ensure:

(a) The community service hours are being properly documented and maintained; and

(b) The accuracy of the community service hours that are being documented.

/s/Vaught