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"AN ACT TO REQUIRE PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY TO ACHIEVE A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE OR A GED CERTIFICATE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE OR PROBATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1.(a) As an additional requirement for suspension of sentence or probation the court shall require any person who is convicted of a felony to achieve a high school degree or a General Education Development (GED) certificate unless the person has already achieved the degree or certificate. The court shall not revoke a suspension of sentence or probation because of the persons inability to achieve the degree or certificate but shall revoke a suspension or probation if the person fails to make a good faith effort to achieve the degree of certificate.

(b) This Section shall not apply to a person over the age of twenty-five (25) years.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed .

