

By Senator Thompson

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to fine arts education in public  
3           schools; creating s. 1008.342, F.S.; requiring the  
4           Department of Education to establish a school grading  
5           system for fine arts courses; requiring the department  
6           to adopt criteria for determining a school's fine arts  
7           grade; requiring the department to collect school  
8           data, assign school grades, and publish information;  
9           providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Section 1008.342, Florida Statutes, is created  
14 to read:

15           1008.342 School grading system for fine arts education.-

16           (1) The Department of Education shall establish a school  
17 grading system, separate from the school grading system provided  
18 in s. 1008.34, for kindergarten through grade 12 fine arts  
19 courses. Fine arts courses are visual arts, music, dance, and  
20 theatre courses.

21           (2) The department shall adopt criteria for determining a  
22 school's fine arts grade based on student access to, and  
23 participation in, fine arts courses, the certification status of  
24 educators providing instruction in fine arts courses, and the  
25 manner in which schools are providing the core curricular  
26 content for fine arts established in the Next Generation  
27 Sunshine State Standards. The criteria shall include, but not be  
28 limited to, the number of:

29           (a) Fine arts courses offered.

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30       (b) Students enrolled in fine arts courses.

31       (c) Teachers certified in fine arts.

32       (3) The department shall annually collect school data from  
33 each kindergarten through grade 12 school, assign the school a  
34 fine arts grade, and publish the information on its website.

35       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.