

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fine arts courses; creating s.
3 1003.499, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of
4 Education to prepare an annual report relating to
5 student access to and participation in fine arts
6 courses and information on educators and instruction
7 in such courses; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; providing
8 for bonus points for student participation and
9 performance in fine arts to be used in the school
10 grading system; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 1003.499, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 1003.499 Fine arts report.—The Commissioner of Education
17 shall prepare an annual report which must include a description,
18 based on annual reporting by schools, of student access to and
19 participation in fine arts courses, the number and certification
20 status of educators providing instruction in the courses, and
21 the manner in which schools are providing the core curricular
22 content for fine arts established in the Next Generation
23 Sunshine State Standards. The report shall be posted on the
24 Department of Education's website and updated annually.

25 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of
26 section 1008.34, Florida Statutes, to read:

27 1008.34 School grading system; school report cards;
28 district grade.—

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29 (3) DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL GRADES.—

30 (d) Contingent upon funding provided in the General
31 Appropriations Act and upon State Board of Education approval of
32 a statewide, standardized end-of-course assessment for each fine
33 arts course, the grade of a school comprised of any of grades
34 kindergarten through grade 12 shall include up to 10 bonus
35 points, as determined by the Department of Education, for the
36 participation rate and the performance of students who are
37 enrolled in fine arts courses, which are visual arts, music,
38 dance, and theatre courses.

39 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.