A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Florida Seal of Fine Arts
Program; creating s. 1003.4321, F.S.; establishing the
Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program to recognize high
school graduates who have attained a high level of
skill in fine arts coursework; providing the purpose
of the program; providing criteria to earn the Seal of
Fine Arts; authorizing the State Board of Education to
adopt additional criteria for the award of the seal;
requiring the Commissioner of Education and school
districts to perform specified duties to administer
the program; prohibiting a school district or the
Department of Education from charging a fee for the
seal; requiring the state board to adopt rules;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1003.4321, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1003.4321 Florida Seal of Fine Arts for high school
graduates.—
(1) The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is established to
recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level
of skill in fine arts coursework.
(2) The purpose of the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is
to encourage students to develop a high level of skill in the
performing or visual arts.
(3) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the Seal of
Fine Arts must be awarded to a high school student who has earned a standard high school diploma and who:

(a) Has completed three year-long courses in dance, music, theater, or the visual arts with a grade of “B” or higher in each course or earned three sequential course credits in such courses with a grade of “B” or higher in each course.

(b) Has completed an additional year-long course or earned an additional course credit in an art course listed in paragraph (a) with a grade of “B” or higher.

(c) Has completed two fine arts-related extracurricular activities.

(d) Has shared his or her talent and industry knowledge by providing at least 20 hours of art-related community service in his or her community and presented a comprehensive presentation on his or her experiences.

The State Board of Education may establish additional criteria for the award of the Seal of Fine Arts.

(4) The Commissioner of Education shall:

(a) Prepare and provide to each school district an appropriate insignia to be affixed to a student’s diploma indicating that the student has been awarded the Seal of Fine Arts.

(b) Provide information necessary for a school district to successfully implement the program.

(5) Each school district shall:

(a) Maintain appropriate records to identify a student who has met the requirements to receive the Seal of Fine Arts.

(b) Provide the Commissioner of Education with the number
of students who have met the requirements to receive the Seal of Fine Arts.

(c) Affix the appropriate insignia to the student’s diploma and indicate on the student’s transcript that the student has earned the Seal of Fine Arts.

(6) A school district or the Department of Education may not charge a fee for the Seal of Fine Arts.

(7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement this section, including, but not limited to:

(a) A process to confirm a student’s successful completion of the requirements in subsection (3).

(b) Any additional requirements a student must meet to be awarded the Seal of Fine Arts.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.