

Committee on Education Pre-K – 12

CS/HB 701 — Art in the Capitol Competition

by K-12 Subcommittee; and Rep. Lee and others (CS/SB 1160 by Education Pre-K – 12 Committee and Senator Detert)

The bill creates the Art in the Capitol Competition, a statewide visual arts competition for all public, private, and home education students in grades 6 through 8.

Specifically, the bill requires each school district to annually hold an Art in the Capitol Competition with the submissions to be judged by a selection committee consisting of art teachers whose students have not submitted artwork. The winning artwork is to be submitted to the office of the legislator of the legislative district in which the student resides no later than 60 days prior to the start of the regular legislative session. The legislator must submit the artwork to the Department of Management Services (DMS) to be displayed in the Capitol Building during the regular legislative session.

The bill directs the DMS and the Department of Education to administer the Art in the Capitol Competition.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-2