

## Committee on Education Pre-K -12

### **HB 523 — Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program**

by Reps. Canady, Black, and others (SB 694 by Senators Perry, Rouson, Burgess, Stewart, and Torres)

The bill establishes the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program (program) to recognize high school graduates who have met specified criteria in fine arts by having an appropriate Seal of Fine Arts (seal) affixed to the student's high school diploma.

The bill establishes the program beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, sets course and experiential criteria for earning the seal, and requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to administer the program, which may include additional criteria for receipt of the seal.

The bill requires the Commissioner of Education (Commissioner) to prepare the seal and provide to school districts a rubric for implementation of the program. Each school district is required to maintain records to identify students earning the seal, report such data to the Commissioner, affix the seal to the student's diploma, and indicate on the student's transcript that the seal was earned by the student.

The bill prohibits fees associated with the seal.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 113-0*