

By the Committee on Education and Senators Grant and Harris

304-1912A-98

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary education;  
3           requiring public universities to include  
4           fine-arts-course grades when calculating  
5           grade-point averages for certain purposes;  
6           requiring the Department of Education to  
7           include fine-arts courses in the list for which  
8           weighted grades are used in determining  
9           eligibility for a Florida Bright Futures  
10          Scholarship; 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. The Board of Regents shall amend its rules  
15 to add fine-arts courses, pursuant to section 232.246(1)(h)2.,  
16 Florida Statutes, to the core courses used in calculating  
17 student eligibility for admission to state universities, and  
18 state universities shall include grades earned in those  
19 courses in making admissions decisions.

20           Section 2. For purposes of determining initial  
21 eligibility for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship,  
22 fine-arts courses, pursuant to section 232.246(1)(h)2.,  
23 Florida Statutes, are college-preparatory academic courses and  
24 shall be included when calculating the required grade-point  
25 average.

26           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
sb2088

The Committee Substitute directs the Board of Regents to change its rules to add fine arts to the list of courses whose grades are averaged to determine eligibility for university admission. It directs the Department of Education to add fine arts to the list of courses whose grades are averaged in making eligibility decisions for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program.