

Bill No. SB 126

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The Committee on Education (Lynn) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 1003.456, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1003.456 Performing and fine arts;  
assessment.--Recognizing the importance of maintaining a  
balanced, well-rounded curriculum for students in this state,  
the contributions of the performing and fine arts, and other  
elective programs to the academic success of students, it is  
the intent of the Legislature to ensure that elective programs  
remain strong and accessible during the school day.

(1) Each district school board shall develop a  
performing and fine arts program that addresses this state's  
rich cultural diversity and promotes creative thinking and  
problem-solving skills of students. Each student shall be  
allowed sufficient time and access to instruction in order to

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1 acquire knowledge and skills in the performing and fine arts,  
2 which shall be defined by and assessed against the Sunshine  
3 State Standards.

4       (2) Each district school board shall adopt written  
5 policies for providing time and access to the performing and  
6 fine arts for prekindergarten through grade 12 and shall  
7 provide a copy of the policies to the Department of Education  
8 by January 1, 2006.

9       (3) Each district school board shall provide an annual  
10 report to the Department of Education on trends and student  
11 achievement in the performing and fine arts for  
12 prekindergarten through grade 12 and the department shall  
13 summarize and disseminate the reports to each school district.

14           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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18 And the title is amended as follows:

19           Delete everything before the enacting clause

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21 and insert:

22                           A bill to be entitled

23           An act relating to the performing and fine arts  
24           in education; creating s. 1003.456, F.S.;  
25           providing legislative intent with respect to  
26           maintaining elective programs in the performing  
27           and fine arts; requiring each district school  
28           board to develop a performing and fine arts  
29           program; requiring that the school boards adopt  
30           written policies for providing time and access  
31           to the performing and fine arts for students in

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1           prekindergarten through grade 12 and provide a  
2           copy to the Department of Education by a  
3           specified date; requiring reports to the  
4           department; providing an effective date.

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6           WHEREAS, the education of children in this state shall  
7 be a fully developed curriculum, allowing students' time and  
8 access to a wide variety of curriculum choices, and

9           WHEREAS, the curriculum for students in Florida is  
10 defined by the Sunshine State Standards, and

11           WHEREAS, American culture is significantly taught  
12 through the performing and fine arts, and

13           WHEREAS, classes in the performing and fine arts have  
14 an effect on the academic success of students in  
15 prekindergarten through grade 12, as well as on the individual  
16 achievement of students, and

17           WHEREAS, the arts are designated as part of the core  
18 curriculum in the federal "No Child Left Behind Act," NOW,  
19 THEREFORE,

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