

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Arts for All Students Act;  
3           creating s. 1003.499, F.S.; providing a short title;  
4           requiring the Department of Education to publish an  
5           "Arts for All Students" annual report; providing for  
6           content of the report; requiring the department to  
7           establish an advisory committee to develop criteria  
8           and a formula for granting "Arts for All Students"  
9           model school and model school district designations;  
10          providing for annual award of the designations;  
11          specifying data requirements; providing reporting  
12          requirements; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; providing for  
13          bonus points for student participation and performance  
14          in fine arts to be used in the school grading system;  
15          providing an effective date.

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

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19           Section 1.   Section 1003.499, Florida Statutes, is created  
20 to read:

21           1003.499   Fine arts education.—

22           (1)   This section may be cited as the "Arts for All  
23 Students Act."

24           (2)   The Department of Education shall annually publish and  
25 make available to parents, school district leaders, and school  
26 administrators an "Arts for All Students" annual report for each  
27 K-12 public school. The report shall include data-set metrics  
28 and institutional metrics comparing student achievement,

29 learning gains, and graduation rates of students who participate  
30 in a fine arts education curriculum with those of students who  
31 do not participate in such a curriculum. An analysis of students  
32 participating in a fine arts education curriculum and in English  
33 for Speakers of Other Languages programs, exceptional student  
34 education programs, and free or reduced-price meal programs  
35 should be included in the report.

36 (3) A fine arts education curriculum includes visual arts,  
37 music, dance, and theatre courses.

38 (4) (a) The department shall establish an "Arts for All  
39 Students" advisory committee composed of experts in the field of  
40 fine arts education. The advisory committee shall use specified  
41 data sets to develop criteria and a formula for granting K-12  
42 public schools and school districts an "Arts for All Students"  
43 model school designation or an "Arts for All Students" model  
44 school district designation.

45 (b) The department shall use the criteria and formula  
46 recommendations of the advisory committee to annually award  
47 "Arts for All Students" model school designations and "Arts for  
48 All Students" model school district designations to eligible  
49 schools and school districts.

50 (5) Data used by the advisory committee and the department  
51 for awarding the model school and model school district  
52 designations must include, but are not limited to:

53 (a) Fine arts course offerings by grade level.

54 (b) Number of students enrolled in fine arts courses.

55 (c) Number of students enrolled in more than one fine arts  
56 course or discipline per academic year.

57 (d) Number of hours dedicated to fine arts education by  
 58 arts discipline.

59 (e) Certification level of teachers providing fine arts  
 60 education in specified areas.

61 (f) Number of designed, equipped, and dedicated classroom  
 62 spaces for fine arts instruction.

63 (6) The department shall include the data specified in  
 64 subsection (5) in the "Arts for All Students" annual report.

65 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of  
 66 section 1008.34, Florida Statutes, to read:

67 1008.34 School grading system; school report cards;  
 68 district grade.—

69 (3) DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL GRADES.—

70 (d) Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year for schools  
 71 comprised of any of grades kindergarten through grade 12, the  
 72 school's grade shall include a maximum of 10 bonus points to be  
 73 determined by the Department of Education for the student  
 74 participation rate and, as valid data becomes available, the  
 75 performance of students who are enrolled in fine arts courses,  
 76 which are visual arts, music, dance, and theatre courses.

77 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.