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An act relating to the Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching; amending s. 1004.344, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled expiration of the center; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 1004.344, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1004.344 The Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching.—

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(1) The Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching is created within the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee.

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(2) The goals of the center are to:

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(a) Conduct basic and applied research on policies and practices related to arts integrated teaching.

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(b) Partner with interested Florida College System institutions and private educational institutions to conduct arts integrated educational research.

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(c) Seek out agreements to provide technical assistance and support, upon request, to the Florida Department of Education, Florida school districts, private schools, charter schools, and educator preparation programs in the implementation of evidence-based arts integrated instruction, assessments, programs, and professional development.

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(d) Collaborate with interested arts organizations and Florida school districts in the development of frameworks for

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arts integrated courses for use in schools.

- (e) Collaborate with interested arts organizations and Florida school districts in the development of frameworks for professional development activities, using multiple delivery methods for arts integrated teaching in different content areas.
- (f) Disseminate information about outcome-based practices related to arts integrated instruction, assessment, curricula, and programs.
- (g) Position Florida as a national leader in arts integrated teaching and research.
- (h) Examine arts integrated teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) educational courses.
 - (3) This section expires July 1, 2017.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect June 30, 2017.