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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Seal of Fine Arts
3 Program; creating s. 1003.4321, F.S.; establishing the
4 Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program to recognize high
5 school graduates who have attained a high level of
6 skill in fine arts coursework; providing the purpose
7 of the program; providing criteria to earn the Seal of
8 Fine Arts; authorizing the State Board of Education to
9 adopt additional criteria for the award of the seal;
10 requiring the Commissioner of Education and school
11 districts to perform specified duties to administer
12 the program; prohibiting a school district or the
13 Department of Education from charging a fee for the
14 seal; requiring the state board to adopt rules;
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 1003.4321, Florida Statutes, is created
20 to read:

21 1003.4321 Florida Seal of Fine Arts for high school
22 graduates.-

23 (1) The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is established to
24 recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level
25 of skill in fine arts coursework.

26 (2) The purpose of the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is
27 to encourage students to develop a high level of skill in the
28 performing or visual arts.

29 (3) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the Seal of

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30 Fine Arts must be awarded to a high school student who has
31 earned a standard high school diploma and who:

32 (a) Has completed three year-long courses in dance, music,
33 theater, or the visual arts with a grade of "B" or higher in
34 each course or earned three sequential course credits in such
35 courses with a grade of "B" or higher in each course.

36 (b) Has completed an additional year-long course or earned
37 an additional course credit in an art course listed in paragraph
38 (a) with a grade of "B" or higher.

39 (c) Has completed two fine arts-related extracurricular
40 activities.

41 (d) Has shared his or her talent and industry knowledge by
42 providing at least 20 hours of art-related community service in
43 his or her community and presented a comprehensive presentation
44 on his or her experiences.

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46 The State Board of Education may establish additional criteria
47 for the award of the Seal of Fine Arts.

48 (4) The Commissioner of Education shall:

49 (a) Prepare and provide to each school district an
50 appropriate insignia to be affixed to a student's diploma
51 indicating that the student has been awarded the Seal of Fine
52 Arts.

53 (b) Provide information necessary for a school district to
54 successfully implement the program.

55 (5) Each school district shall:

56 (a) Maintain appropriate records to identify a student who
57 has met the requirements to receive the Seal of Fine Arts.

58 (b) Provide the Commissioner of Education with the number

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59 of students who have met the requirements to receive the Seal of
60 Fine Arts.

61 (c) Affix the appropriate insignia to the student's diploma
62 and indicate on the student's transcript that the student has
63 earned the Seal of Fine Arts.

64 (6) A school district or the Department of Education may
65 not charge a fee for the Seal of Fine Arts.

66 (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
67 implement this section, including, but not limited to:

68 (a) A process to confirm a student's successful completion
69 of the requirements in subsection (3).

70 (b) Any additional requirements a student must meet to be
71 awarded the Seal of Fine Arts.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.