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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 within the  
5 Department of Education; providing the purpose of the  
6 program; specifying eligibility requirements for the  
7 awarding of a Seal of Fine Arts; defining the term  
8 "work of art"; authorizing the State Board of  
9 Education to adopt additional requirements for the  
10 award of a seal; requiring the Commissioner of  
11 Education and school districts to perform specified  
12 duties to administer the program; prohibiting a school  
13 district or the Department of Education from charging  
14 a fee for the seal; requiring the state board to adopt  
15 rules; 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 Program for high school  
22 graduates.-

23 (1) The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is established  
24 within the Department of Education to recognize high school  
25 graduates who have met exemplary benchmarks in fine arts  
26 coursework.

27 (2) The purpose of the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is  
28 to encourage students to develop an exemplary level of  
29 proficiency in the performing or visual arts.

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30 (3) (a) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the Seal  
31 of Fine Arts shall be awarded to a high school student who has  
32 earned a standard high school diploma, successfully completed at  
33 least three year-long courses in dance, music, theatre, or the  
34 visual arts with a grade of "A" or higher in each course or  
35 earned three sequential course credits in such courses with a  
36 grade of "A" or higher in each course, and meets a minimum of  
37 two of the requirements below:

38 1. Successfully complete a fine arts International  
39 Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, or honors  
40 course in the subjects listed in paragraph (a) with a grade of  
41 "B" or higher.

42 2. Participate in a district or statewide organization  
43 juried event as a selected student participant for two or more  
44 years.

45 3. Record at least 25 volunteer hours of arts-related  
46 community service in his or her community and present a  
47 comprehensive presentation on his or her experiences.

48 4. Meet the requirements of a portfolio-based program  
49 identifying the student as an exemplary practitioner of the fine  
50 arts.

51 5. Receive district, state, or national recognition for the  
52 creation and submission of an original work of art or  
53 performance. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "work of  
54 art" means a musical or theatrical composition, visual art work,  
55 or choreographed routine or performance.

56 (b) The State Board of Education may establish additional  
57 criteria for the award of the Seal of Fine Arts.

58 (4) The Commissioner of Education shall:

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59       (a) Prepare for and provide to each school district an  
60 appropriate seal to be affixed to a student's diploma indicating  
61 that the student has been awarded the Seal of Fine Arts.

62       (b) Provide appropriate benchmarks in rubric form necessary  
63 for a school district to successfully implement the program.

64       (5) Each school district shall:

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

67       (b) Provide the Commissioner of Education with the number  
68 of students who have met the requirements to receive a Seal of  
69 Fine Arts.

70       (c) Affix the appropriate insignia to the student's diploma  
71 and indicate on the student's transcript that the student has  
72 earned a Seal of Fine Arts.

73       (6) A school district or the department may not charge a  
74 fee for a Seal of Fine Arts.

75       (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
76 administer this section, including, but not limited to:

77       (a) A process to confirm a student's successful completion  
78 of the requirements in subsection (3) through the creation of a  
79 rubric.

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

82       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.