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An act relating to the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program; creating s. 1003.4321, F.S.; establishing the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; specifying eligibility requirements for the seal; defining the term "work of art"; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt additional criteria for the award of a seal; requiring the Commissioner of Education and school districts to perform specified duties to administer the program; prohibiting a school district or the Department of Education from charging a fee for the seal; requiring the state board to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1003.4321, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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

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

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

29 (3)(a) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the Seal
 30 of Fine Arts shall be awarded to a high school student who has
 31 earned a standard high school diploma; successfully completed at
 32 least three year-long courses in dance, music, theatre, or the
 33 visual arts with a grade of "A" or higher in each course or
 34 earned three sequential course credits in such courses with a
 35 grade of "A" or higher in each course; and meets a minimum of
 36 two of the following requirements:

37 1. Successfully completes a fine arts International
 38 Baccalaureate, advanced placement, dual enrollment, or honors
 39 course in the subjects listed in this paragraph with a grade of
 40 "B" or higher.

41 2. Participates in a district or statewide organization's
 42 juried event as a selected student participant for 2 or more
 43 years.

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

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

50 5. Receives district, state, or national recognition for

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51 the creation and submission of an original work of art. For
 52 purposes of this paragraph, the term "work of art" means a
 53 musical or theatrical composition, visual artwork, or
 54 choreographed routine or performance.

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

57 (4) The Commissioner of Education shall:

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

61 (b) Provide appropriate benchmarks in rubric form which
 62 are necessary for a school district to successfully implement
 63 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
 71 diploma and indicate on the student's transcript that he or she
 72 has 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

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76 | administer this section, including, but not limited to:

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

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, 2024.