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

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

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

20 1003.4321 Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program for high school
21 graduates.-

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

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

29 (3) (a) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the Seal

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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
51 the creation and submission of an original work of art. For
52 purposes of this subparagraph, 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 do all of the
58 following:

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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 which are
63 necessary for a school district to successfully implement the
64 program.

65 (5) Each school district shall do all of the following:

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

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

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

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

76 (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
77 administer this section, including, but not limited to, all of
78 the following:

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

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

83 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.