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SENATE BILL DRS15119-MT-42A\*

Short Title: Arts Education Requirement. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Woodard and Ballard (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE ONE ARTS  
3 EDUCATION CREDIT PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall modify the State graduation  
6 requirements to include one required credit in arts education to be completed by each student at  
7 any time in grades six through 12.

8 The State Board of Education shall implement this arts education graduation  
9 requirement beginning with students entering the sixth grade in 2022. The State Board shall  
10 include an exemption from the arts education graduation requirement for students transferring  
11 into a North Carolina public school beginning in the ninth grade or later, if such requirement  
12 would prevent a student from graduating with the graduation cohort to which the student was  
13 assigned when transferring.

14 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education shall do the following:

- 15 (1) Establish procedures and a timeline for a phased-in implementation of the arts  
16 education graduation requirement.  
17 (2) Establish the minimum criteria to meet the arts education graduation  
18 requirement.  
19 (3) By December 15, 2022, report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight  
20 Committee on the following:  
21 a. The statewide implementation of the three interdependent components  
22 of comprehensive arts education (arts education, arts integration, and  
23 arts exposure).  
24 b. The graduation requirement set forth in this act.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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