

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: S2/2/05

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 229

5 By: Senator J. Jeffress  
6 By: Representative Chesterfield  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE FORTY (40) MINUTES OF VISUAL  
11 ART AND FORTY (40) MINUTES OF MUSIC FOR STUDENTS  
12 IN GRADES ONE THROUGH SIX (1-6); AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO REQUIRE FORTY (40) MINUTES OF  
17 VISUAL ART AND FORTY (40) MINUTES OF  
18 MUSIC FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES ONE THROUGH  
19 SIX (1-6).  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-130 is amended to read as follows:  
25 6-16-130. Visual art or music.

26 (a)(1) By no later than June 1, 2002, every public elementary school  
27 in the state shall provide instruction in visual art or music based on the  
28 state visual art and music frameworks for a period of not less than forty  
29 (40) minutes each calendar week of the school year.

30 (2)(A) Every student in grades one through six (1-6) shall be  
31 allowed to participate in the visual art or music class required in this  
32 subsection.

33 (B) Children with disabilities or other special needs  
34 shall be included in the visual art and music programs.

35 (3) Prior to June 1, 2005, the instruction required by this  
36 subsection may be provided by a volunteer or by a certified teacher.



1           (4) The Department of Education shall provide a stipend not less  
2 than one hundred dollars (\$100) per class to each school for the purchase of  
3 necessary supplies or equipment for the classes required by this subsection.

4           (b)(1) By no later than June 1, 2005, every public elementary school  
5 in the state shall provide instruction for no less than forty (40) minutes in  
6 visual art and no less than forty (40) minutes in music based on the state  
7 visual art and music frameworks ~~for a period of not less than one (1) hour~~  
8 each calendar week of the school year or an equivalent amount of time in each  
9 school year.

10           (2)(A) Every student in grades one through six (1-6) shall  
11 participate in the visual art and music class required in this subsection.

12           (B) Children with disabilities or other special needs  
13 shall be included in the visual art and music programs.

14           (3) The instruction required by subdivision (b)(1) of this  
15 subsection shall be provided by a licensed teacher certified to teach art or  
16 music, as applicable.

17           (4) The department shall provide a stipend of not less than one  
18 hundred dollars (\$100) per class to each school for the purchase of necessary  
19 supplies or equipment for the classes required by ~~this~~ subsection (b) of this  
20 section."

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22           SECTION 2. This act shall be effective on June 1, 2005 for the 2005-  
23 2006 school year.

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25           SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
26 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that beginning on June 1, 2005,  
27 school districts will be required to offer one (1) full hour of art and music  
28 to students in grades one through six (1-6); that one (1) hour class periods  
29 are not compatible with usual schedules used by school districts; and that  
30 school districts need sufficient time to hire staff, arrange schedules,  
31 allocate space, and purchase supplies based upon the changes made by this  
32 act. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
33 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
34 safety shall become effective on:

35           (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

36           (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

1 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
2 bill; or

3 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
4 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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/s/ J. Jeffress