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A Bill

SENATE BILL 826

5 By: Senator B. King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH
9 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE A MORE RIGOROUS
10 STUDY OF VISUAL ART OR THE PERFORMING ARTS; TO AMEND
11 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VISUAL ART AND MUSIC INSTRUCTION
12 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH
16 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE A MORE
17 RIGOROUS STUDY OF ART OR MUSIC; AND TO
18 AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VISUAL ART AND
19 MUSIC INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-130(b)(1) and (2), concerning visual
26 art and music instruction in public schools, are amended to read as follows:

27 (b)(1) ~~By no later than June 1, 2005, every~~ A public elementary school
28 in the state shall provide instruction for no less than forty (40) minutes in
29 visual art ~~and or~~ or no less than forty (40) minutes in music based on the state
30 visual art and music frameworks each calendar week of the school year or an
31 equivalent amount of time in each school year.

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

34 (B) Children with disabilities or other special needs
35 shall be included in the visual art and music programs.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-130, concerning visual art and music
2 instruction in public schools, is amended to add an additional subsection to
3 read as follows:

4 (c) A student enrolled in grade seven (7) or grade eight (8) shall
5 participate in:

6 (1) Visual arts instruction, appreciation, and application; or

7 (2) Performing arts instruction, appreciation, and application.

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