

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 826

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH
ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE A MORE
RIGOROUS STUDY OF ART OR MUSIC; AND TO
AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VISUAL ART AND
MUSIC INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-130(b)(1) and (2), concerning visual art and music instruction in public schools, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

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



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-130, concerning visual art and music instruction in public schools, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

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

- (1) Visual arts instruction, appreciation, and application; or
- (2) Performing arts instruction, appreciation, and application.