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A Bill

SENATE BILL 451

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING VISUAL ART, MUSIC, AND PERFORMING
10 ARTS REQUIREMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO AMEND THE
11 REQUIREMENT THAT STUDENTS IN GRADES FIVE (5) AND SIX
12 (6) ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT
13 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT CONFIGURED AS
14 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN VISUAL ART AND
15 MUSIC CLASS; TO REQUIRE THAT STUDENTS IN GRADE SIX
16 (6) ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT
17 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT CONFIGURED AS
18 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN VISUAL ARTS OR
19 PERFORMING ARTS INSTRUCTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING
23 VISUAL ART, MUSIC, AND PERFORMING ARTS
24 REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES FIVE
25 (5) AND SIX (6) ENROLLED IN PUBLIC
26 SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT CONFIGURED AS
27 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.
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31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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33 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-130(a)(2), concerning required visual
34 art and music class, is amended to read as follows:

35 (2)(A) Every student in grades one through six (1-6) enrolled in
36 a public school or an open-enrollment public charter school that is



1 configured as an elementary school shall participate in the visual art and
2 music class required in this subsection.

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

5 (C) A student in grades five (5) or six (6) enrolled in a
6 public school or an open-enrollment public charter school that is not
7 configured as an elementary school shall participate in visual arts or
8 performing arts instruction as provided under subsection (b) of this section.

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-130(b), concerning visual arts and
11 performing arts instruction, is amended to read as follows:

12 (b) A student enrolled in grade seven (7) or grade eight (8), or a
13 student in grade six (6) enrolled in a public school or an open-enrollment
14 public charter school that is not configured as an elementary school, shall
15 participate in:

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

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