

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 68

Short Title: Arts Education as a Graduation Requirement. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brunstetter (Primary Sponsor); Rabin and Woodard.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

February 11, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE ONE ARTS
EDUCATION CREDIT FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The State Board of Education shall modify the State high school graduation requirements to include one required credit in arts education.

The State Board of Education shall implement this high school arts education requirement beginning with students entering the ninth grade in 2016.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall:

- (1) Establish procedures and a time line for a phased-in implementation of the arts education requirement.
- (2) Establish equitable staffing allocations to address small and low-wealth school systems.
- (3) Report to the General Assembly on funding requirements.

SECTION 3. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide designated additional categorical funding allotments for arts education positions at the high school level.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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