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SENATE BILL 874

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

Sponsors: Senators Brunstetter; Atwater and Jackson.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE ONE ARTS
3 EDUCATION CREDIT FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, AS
4 RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS EDUCATION COMMISSION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 The State Board of Education shall implement this high school arts education
9 requirement beginning with students entering the ninth grade in 2015.

10 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education shall:

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

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

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

