

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 56

Short Title: Arts Education Requirement. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Elmore, Johnson, and Carney (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 13, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE ONE ARTS
3 EDUCATION CREDIT PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall modify the State graduation
6 requirements to include one required credit in arts education to be completed by each student at
7 any time in grades six through 12.

8 The State Board of Education shall implement this arts education graduation
9 requirement beginning with students entering the sixth grade in 2022. The State Board shall
10 include an exemption from the arts education graduation requirement for students transferring
11 into a North Carolina public school beginning in the ninth grade or later, if such requirement
12 would prevent a student from graduating with the graduation cohort to which the student was
13 assigned when transferring.

14 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education shall do the following:

- 15 (1) Establish procedures and a timeline for a phased-in implementation of the arts
16 education graduation requirement.
- 17 (2) Establish the minimum criteria to meet the arts education graduation
18 requirement.
- 19 (3) By December 15, 2022, report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
20 Committee on the following:
- 21 a. The statewide implementation of the three interdependent components
22 of comprehensive arts education (arts education, arts integration, and
23 arts exposure).
- 24 b. The graduation requirement set forth in this act.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

