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HOUSE BILL 1119

Short Title: LEAs Required to Enhance Arts Education. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Johnson and Carney (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DIRECTING LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND PUBLIC
3 SCHOOLS IN NORTH CAROLINA TO ENHANCE THEIR ARTS EDUCATION
4 PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS EDUCATION COMMISSION.

5 Whereas, the General Assembly finds that many local school administrative units
6 (LEAs) and public schools in North Carolina have demonstrated a commitment to
7 comprehensive arts education, including (i) establishing local arts education graduation
8 requirements, as in Pitt County Schools; (ii) providing access to a variety of arts course work
9 and extracurricular activities in dance, theatre, music, and visual arts, as in Chapel Hill City
10 Schools, Chatham County Schools, and Cumberland County Schools; and (iii) encouraging
11 cooperative integration of arts in other courses, as in Person County Schools; and

12 Whereas, the General Assembly commends these school systems and encourages
13 continuation of these efforts as a model for all North Carolina schools; Now, therefore,
14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall direct all local school
16 administrative units to:

- 17 (1) Explore ways to access and involve the unique resources available in each
18 community to enhance arts exposure, arts integration, and arts education to
19 provide comprehensive arts education to all students.
20 (2) Seek public-private partnerships and work with local arts and civic groups to
21 find volunteers to assist in developing and supporting comprehensive arts
22 education.

23 **SECTION 2.** Each local school administrative unit shall report to the State Board
24 of Education by June 1, 2013, on its implementation of Section 1 of this act.

25 **SECTION 3.** The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative
26 Education Oversight Committee by September 1, 2013, on the implementation of this act.

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

