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Introduced by M. of A. DAIS, KAY, JONES, SHRESTHA, BARRETT, KIM, BEEPHAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring instruction in arts and music education to be incorporated into curriculums for all public school students

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 819 to read as follows:

§ 819. Instruction in arts and music education. 1. The board of regents shall establish and maintain standards for arts and music education, which may include dance, music, theater, media arts, visual arts, and studio arts, to be incorporated into the curriculum for students at all grade levels in all public schools across the state. Rules and regulations related to elementary and secondary education school programs shall be consistent with the requirements of this subdivision.

2. Each school district shall ensure that instruction in arts and music education, consistent with the standards established by the regents pursuant to subdivision one of this section, is provided by appropriately certified teachers, to the extent possible, in each such school district. All students shall have equitable access to such instruction, which shall be incorporated into the regular course of study and consistent with state graduation requirements.

3. The commissioner of education, in consultation with the board of regents, shall promulgate any rules or regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section, ensuring that arts and music education remains an integral and required part of the public school curriculum for students in grades one through twelve.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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