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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Representatives Morin, Phillips, Carson, O'Brien, and Casey

Date Introduced: March 04, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum [See Title 16  
2 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto  
3 the following section:

4           **16-22-27. Availability of instruction in musical performance education. – (a) All**  
5 **secondary public schools including middle schools, or any other secondary schools managed and**  
6 **controlled by the state shall offer as part of the curriculum, courses in musical performing arts,**  
7 **including, but not limited to, band, chorus, orchestra, and other performance ensembles, with**  
8 **emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression.**

9           **(b) All secondary school principals shall meet with the music department to analyze**  
10 **student scheduling to maximize music performing ensembles within the school curriculum.**

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would mandate that public secondary schools, managed or controlled by the  
2 state, provide courses in musical performing arts as part of their curriculum effective July 1,  
3 2015.

4           This act would take effect on July 1, 2015.

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