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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: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **16-22-27. Availability of instruction in musical performance education. – All**  
4 **secondary public schools including middle schools, or any other secondary schools managed and**  
5 **controlled by the state, are strongly encouraged to offer as a part of the curriculum, courses in**  
6 **performing arts, including musical ensembles, such as band, chorus, orchestra and other**  
7 **performance ensembles, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills**  
8 **of creative expression.**

9           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 encourage all public secondary schools managed or controlled by the state  
2 to provide instruction in performing arts, including musical ensembles, as part of their  
3 curriculum.

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

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