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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Booker introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on __________________

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 "tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Guarantee Access to
5 Arts and Music Education Act of 2023” or the “GAAME
6 Act of 2023”.

7 SEC. 2. SCHOOL-WIDE ACCESS TO ARTS EDUCATION.
8 Section 1114 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6314) is amended—
10 (1) in subsection (b)(7)(A)(iii)—
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(A) in subclauses (IV) and (V), by striking

"; and" and inserting a semicolon; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(VI) sequential, standards-based arts education taught by certified arts educators (as defined by the State) and community arts providers to meet the challenging State academic standards; and”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(f) DEFINITION OF ARTS.—For purposes of subsection (b)(7)(A)(iii)(VI), the term ‘arts’ means dance, media arts, theater, and visual arts.”.

SEC. 3. SCHOOL-WIDE ACCESS TO MUSIC EDUCATION.

Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6314(b)(7)(A)(iii)), as amended by section (2), is further amended by inserting after subclause (VI) the following:

“(VII) sequential, standards-based music education that is aligned to challenging State academic standards and is taught by certified music educators (as defined by the State); and”.
SEC. 4. TARGETED ASSISTANCE SCHOOLS FOR ARTS EDUCATION.

Section 1115 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6315) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking “well-rounded education;” inserting the following: “well-rounded education, such as—

“(i) programmatic assistance for students to participate in arts programs that address their academic needs (including support for certified arts educators (as defined by the State), arts educator professional development, supplies, and other expenses associated with instruction in the arts); and”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) DEFINITION OF ARTS.—For purposes of subsection (b)(2)(A)(i), the term ‘arts’ means dance, media arts, theater, and visual arts.”.

SEC. 5. TARGETED ASSISTANCE SCHOOLS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION.

Section 1115(b)(2)(A) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6315(b)(2)(A)), as amended by section 4, is further amended by adding at the end the following:
“(ii) programmatic assistance for students to participate in music programs that address their academic needs (including support for certified music educators, music educator professional development, instruments, sheet music, music technology, and other expenses associated with music instruction);”.