

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 885

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to expand access to school-wide arts and music programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2019

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 2019” or the “GAAME
6 Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCHOOL-WIDE ACCESS TO ARTS EDUCATION.**

2 Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii) of the Elementary and
3 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 6314(b)(7)(A)(iii)) is amended—

5 (1) in each of subclauses (IV) and (V), by strik-
6 ing “; and” and inserting a semicolon; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(VI) sequential, standards-based
9 arts education taught by certified arts
10 educators (as defined by the State)
11 and community arts providers to meet
12 challenging academic standards; and”.

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

14 Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii) of the Elementary and
15 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
16 6314(b)(7)(A)(iii)), as amended by section (2), is further
17 amended by inserting after subclause (VI) the following:

18 “(VII) sequential, standards-
19 based music education that is aligned
20 to challenging State academic stand-
21 ards and is taught by certified music
22 educators (as defined by the State);
23 and”.

1 **SEC. 4. TARGETED ASSISTANCE SCHOOLS FOR ARTS EDU-**
 2 **CATION.**

3 Section 1115(b)(2)(A) of the Elementary and Sec-
 4 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6315(b)(2)(A))
 5 is amended by striking “well-rounded education;” and in-
 6 serting the following: “well-rounded education, such as—

7 “(i) programmatic assistance for stu-
 8 dents to participate in arts programs that
 9 address their academic needs (including
 10 support for certified arts educators (as de-
 11 fined by the State), arts educator profes-
 12 sional development, supplies, and other ex-
 13 penses associated with instruction in the
 14 arts); and”.

15 **SEC. 5. TARGETED ASSISTANCE SCHOOLS FOR MUSIC EDU-**
 16 **CATION.**

17 Section 1115(b)(2)(A) of the Elementary and Sec-
 18 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6315(b)(2)(A)),
 19 as amended by section 4, is further amended by adding
 20 at the end the following:

21 “(ii) programmatic assistance for stu-
 22 dents to participate in music programs
 23 that address their academic needs (includ-
 24 ing support for certified music educators,
 25 music educator professional development,
 26 instruments, sheet music, and other ex-

- 1 penses associated with music instruc-
- 2 tion);”.

