

Senate Study Bill 1203 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION RESOLUTION BY
CHAIRPERSON QUIRMBACH)

1 A Resolution to recognize March 2011 as Iowa Arts
2 Education Month.

3 WHEREAS, arts education, which includes dance,
4 music, theater, and the visual arts, is an essential
5 part of basic education for all students, kindergarten
6 through grade 12, providing for balanced learning
7 and the development of the full potential of young
8 minds; and

9 WHEREAS, arts education contributes powerful
10 educational benefits, utilizing well-planned
11 instruction and activities in the arts through which
12 children develop initiative, creative ability,
13 self-expression, self-reflection, critical thinking
14 skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of
15 beauty, and cross-cultural understanding; and

16 WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights
17 and abilities central to the experience of life, and
18 the arts are collectively one of the most important
19 repositories of culture; and

20 WHEREAS, arts education provides interdisciplinary
21 student learning in such essential skills as
22 collaboration and innovation, assisting students with
23 real-life situations and work readiness; and

24 WHEREAS, national leaders have acknowledged
25 the necessity of including arts experiences in all
26 students' education for the "whole child"; and

27 WHEREAS, March is officially recognized as National

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1 Youth Art Month; NOW THEREFORE,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
3 recognizes March 2011 as Iowa Arts Education Month and
4 encourages the support of quality school arts programs
5 for the Iowa children and youth.