

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2699

By: McDaniel (Randy), McAffrey,
Shumate and Pittman of the
House

and

Jolley and Easley of the
Senate

An Act relating to arts and culture; amending Section 4, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2007 (53 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 174), which relates to visual arts programs in schools; expanding eligibility for incentive grants to certain organizations; modifying requirement for securing private matching funds; allowing certain entities to raise matching funds; allowing designated matching funds to be matched with certain money; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2007 (53 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 174), is amended to read as follows:

Section 174. A. The Oklahoma Arts Council is authorized to assist and, if funds are available, to make incentive grants to school districts or organizations for the establishment of visual arts programs in schools. The award of grants shall be limited to school:

1. School districts that do not have an existing visual arts program or full-time certified visual arts teachers in school sites; and

2. Organizations that provide visual arts programming to school districts that do not have an existing visual arts program or full-time certified visual arts teachers in school sites.

B. The incentive grant funding may be used to cover the start-up costs of developing a visual arts program or paying the salary costs of a certified art teacher.

C. The Council shall determine criteria for the program and establish a process for the consideration of proposals. The Council is authorized to promulgate rules for the operation of the program.

D. ~~Implementation of~~ Any money appropriated by the Legislature for the incentive grants grant program shall be contingent upon matched with other funding secured by the Council securing private matching funds for the program which, upon being secured, may be matched with legislative appropriations. The matching funding may be raised by the Council, school districts, for-profit or nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, private or public foundations, corporations, or individuals. Any private matching funding raised by the Council for the program shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Arts Council Arts Education Revolving Fund created in Section 5 175 of this act title. If matching funding is raised and designated for a grant to a specific school or organization, the Council may match the funding with monies from the Oklahoma Arts Council Arts Education Revolving Fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2008.

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