

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE BILL 2850

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to arts and humanities; stating
8 legislative intent to reduce appropriations to the
9 Oklahoma Arts Council; establishing certain reduction
10 amounts for certain fiscal years; stating legislative
11 intent regarding appropriations to the Council by a
12 certain fiscal year; directing the Council to secure
13 an amount of funding from certain sources if
14 possible; stating use and purpose of funding;
15 providing for codification; providing an effective
16 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 176 of Title 53, unless there is
20 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce the amount
22 appropriated to the Oklahoma Arts Council each fiscal year by an
23 amount of funds that is equal to or exceeds the following
24 percentages of funding:

1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, at least twenty-
five percent (25%) of the total amount appropriated to the Council
for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014;

1 2. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, at least twenty-
2 five percent (25%) of the total amount appropriated to the Council
3 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014;

4 3. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, at least twenty-
5 five percent (25%) of the total amount appropriated to the Council
6 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014; and

7 4. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, at least twenty-
8 five percent (25%) of the total amount appropriated to the Council
9 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

10 B. It is the intent of the Legislature that by the fiscal year
11 ending June 30, 2018, the Oklahoma Arts Council shall not receive
12 appropriations from the Legislature.

13 C. In order to supplant the reduction in appropriations as
14 provided for in subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Arts
15 Council, to the extent possible, shall secure from proceeds from the
16 sale of any materials and items, payments received pursuant to a
17 lease or gifts, grants, contributions or donations from any person,
18 firm, corporation, group of persons, governmental source or a
19 municipality or other political subdivision of this state an amount
20 of funds that is equal to or exceeds the amount that appropriations
21 are reduced each fiscal year. The funds from sources as described
22 in this subsection shall be used for the purpose of supplanting the
23 amount appropriated to the Council by the Legislature for the
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1 purpose of advancing the understanding, knowledge, enjoyment and
2 practice of the arts for the citizens of this state.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

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

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