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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland State Arts Council - Duties**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland State Arts Council to publish an annual
4 report; authorizing the publication of certain materials; and generally relating
5 to the Maryland State Arts Council.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
8 Section 4-604(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1998 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
13 Section 4-607
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1998 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development**

19 4-604.

20 (a) There is a Maryland State Arts Council which shall be part of the
21 Department.

22 4-607.

23 (A) The Council is authorized to conduct programs subject to approval of the
24 Secretary, including, but not limited to the following:

1 (1) Continuation of the program of the body formerly known as the
2 Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland including its statewide survey of
3 resources and needs in the arts.

4 (2) Determine the extent to which existing resources can fill the needs.

5 (3) Design new or expanded programs in the arts either individually or
6 in concert with existing arts organizations or arts organizations which may come into
7 existence hereafter.

8 (4) Encourage and assist in the formation and activities of local
9 community arts councils.

10 (5) Provide technical and consultative assistance to arts organizations
11 throughout the State.

12 (6) Assist, both logistically and financially, in the touring of outstanding
13 professional performances and exhibitions of art, from within and outside the State,
14 to communities throughout the State.

15 (7) Make awards for excellence in the arts.

16 (8) Make grants to arts organizations and individual artists.

17 (9) Cooperate with educational institutions and organizations to
18 establish a higher level of education in and appreciation of the arts on the part of
19 students throughout the State.

20 (10) Explore the feasibility of regional arts programming in the
21 neighboring states and of program exchange with other states and implement any
22 such programs it deems advisable.

23 (11) [Publish an annual report and such other material as it deems
24 appropriate.

25 (12)] Make recommendations to the Board of Public Works concerning
26 appropriate aesthetic decorations, embellishments, accessories or ornamentation to
27 State projects, buildings and property.

28 (B) THE COUNCIL SHALL PUBLISH AN ANNUAL REPORT AND MAY PUBLISH
29 OTHER MATERIAL AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 1999.