

SENATE BILL 907

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By: **Senator Salling**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Film Office – Entertainment and Film Funding Grant Program –**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Entertainment and Film Funding Grant Program
5 within the Maryland Film Office; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Governor to include a
6 certain appropriation each fiscal year to the Office to award grants for the Program;
7 and generally relating to the Entertainment and Film Funding Grant Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Economic Development
10 Section 4–301
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Economic Development
15 Section 4–306
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Economic Development**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 4-301.

2 In this subtitle, "Office" means the Maryland Film Office.

3 **4-306.**

4 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
5 INDICATED.

6 (2) "FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY" MEANS THE PRODUCTION OF A
7 FILM OR VIDEO PROJECT THAT IS INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION,
8 INCLUDING:

9 (I) A FEATURE FILM;

10 (II) A TELEVISION PROJECT;

11 (III) A COMMERCIAL;

12 (IV) A MUSIC VIDEO; AND

13 (V) A DIGITAL ANIMATION PROJECT.

14 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ENTERTAINMENT AND FILM FUNDING
15 GRANT PROGRAM.

16 (4) "QUALIFYING PRODUCTION ENTITY" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT IS
17 PRODUCING:

18 (I) A THEATRICAL PRODUCTION IN THE STATE; OR

19 (II) A FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY IN THE STATE.

20 (5) "THEATRICAL PRODUCTION" MEANS A LIVE STAGE THEATRICAL
21 PRODUCTION THAT IS CURRENTLY PERFORMING IN THE STATE.

22 (B) THERE IS AN ENTERTAINMENT AND FILM FUNDING GRANT PROGRAM
23 IN THE OFFICE.

24 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
25 QUALIFYING PRODUCTION ENTITIES TO ASSIST WITH THE PRODUCTION COSTS OF
26 ENTERTAINMENT AND FILM PROJECTS IN THE STATE.

1 (D) (1) TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A QUALIFYING
2 PRODUCTION ENTITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE:

3 (I) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT;

4 (II) AN ITEMIZATION OF KNOWN AND ESTIMATED COSTS;

5 (III) THE TOTAL INVESTMENT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE
6 PROJECT; AND

7 (IV) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT THE OFFICE
8 REQUESTS.

9 (2) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED
10 \$200,000 FOR ONE PROJECT.

11 (3) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE USED FOR
12 A PROJECT INVOLVING PORNOGRAPHY OR SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONTENT.

13 (E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
14 GOVERNOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION
15 OF \$5,000,000 TO THE OFFICE TO AWARD GRANTS FOR THE PROGRAM.

16 (F) THE OFFICE ~~SHALL~~ MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:

17 (1) IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND

18 (2) SPECIFY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION FOR,
19 APPROVAL OF, AND AWARD OF GRANTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.