

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1994.

Approved May 2, 1994.

CHAPTER 298

(House Bill 594)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland State Arts Council – State Budget

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the annual Budget Bill for the Maryland State Arts Council; *providing that the Legislative Auditor has the authority to review or audit any recipient of a grant from the Council;* providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain required appropriations for the Maryland State Arts Council.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7-325
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, A strong and healthy arts community enhances the cultural landscape and educational diversity of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Investing in the arts is a powerful stimulus to economic development and the growth of tourism in Maryland; and

~~WHEREAS, Funding for the Maryland State Arts Council has declined by almost 20% in the last three years and grants to many arts organizations have been reduced by over one third since 1991; and~~

~~WHEREAS, It is a goal of the General Assembly that the State eventually provide 10% of the general operating budgets of the arts organizations receiving grants from the Maryland State Arts Council; and~~

~~WHEREAS, This legislation will provide a means for attaining that goal by ensuring that when State revenues are growing, funding for the arts will also grow commensurately; now, therefore,~~

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