

(5) INTEREST IN THE ARTS WILL PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR ARTISTS IN ALL FIELDS AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARTS;

(6) INCREASED ACTIVITIES IN THE ARTS WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE BY ENCOURAGING THE PRODUCTION OF ARTISTIC EVENTS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES OF THE STATE, THUS UTILIZING THE TALENTS AND SERVICES OF MANY RESIDENTS;

(7) THE STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE OF THE ARTS WILL IMPROVE BECAUSE OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF INCREASED RESIDENT PARTICIPATION AND A DEMAND FOR HIGHER STANDARDS FOR MORE RESIDENTS; AND

(8) IMPLEMENTING AND EXHIBITING ARTISTIC PROGRAMS, CONSTRUCTING PERFORMANCE FACILITIES, AND INCREASING TOURISM FROM THESE PROGRAMS WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT AND HELP THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE.

(B) POLICY.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO:

(1) STRIVE TO CREATE A NURTURING CLIMATE FOR THE ARTS IN THE STATE AND JOIN WITH PRIVATE PATRONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE ARTS;

(2) PROMOTE THE ROLE OF THE ARTS IN THE LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE; AND

(3) ENSURE THAT THE ARTS PLAY AN EVER MORE SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE RESIDENTS' WELFARE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

(C) INTENT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE TO CARRY OUT THE POLICY SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST ARTISTIC EXPRESSION; AND

(2) NOT LIMIT FREEDOM OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE ARTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, §§ 4-601, 4-602, and 4-603.

Throughout this section, the term "residents" is substituted for the former terms "citizens" and "people" because the meaning of the term "citizen" in this context is unclear and for consistency within this article.

In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "[t]he General Assembly finds that" is added for clarity.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the defined term "arts" is substituted for the former reference to the "performing, visual and creative arts in general" for brevity.