An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2245

By: Sears and Casey of the House

and

Jolley, Treat and Pittman of the Senate

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Arts Council; amending 53 O.S. 2011, Section 174, which relates to incentive grants for visual arts programs in schools; modifying authorized uses of incentive grant funding; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Arts Council

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 53 O.S. 2011, Section 174, is amended to read as follows:

Section 174. A. The Oklahoma Arts Council is authorized to assist and, if funds are available, to make incentive grants to school districts or organizations for the establishment of visual arts programs in schools. The award of grants shall be limited to:

1. School districts that do not have an existing visual arts program or full-time certified visual arts teachers in school sites; and

2. Organizations that provide visual arts programming to school districts that do not have an existing visual arts program or full-time certified visual arts teachers in school sites.

B. The incentive grant funding may be used ~~to cover the start-up costs of developing a~~ for the support of visual arts ~~program~~ programs in underserved schools or paying the salary costs of a certified art teacher.

C. The Council shall determine criteria for the program and establish a process for the consideration of proposals. The Council is authorized to promulgate rules for the operation of the program.

D. Any money appropriated by the Legislature for the incentive grant program shall be matched with other funding secured by the Council. The matching funding may be raised by the Council, school districts, for-profit or nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, private or public foundations, corporations, or individuals. Any matching funding raised by the Council for the program shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Arts Council Arts Education Revolving Fund created in Section 175 of this title. If matching funding is raised and designated for a grant to a specific school or organization, the Council may match the funding with monies from the Oklahoma Arts Council Arts Education Revolving Fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 22nd
day of May, 20 15, at 8:15 o'clock P M.
By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 1st
day of June, 20 15, at 3:34 o'clock P M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 1st
day of June, 20 15, at 4:13 o'clock P. M.
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