

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1600 Session of
1978

INTRODUCED BY STAUFFER, SEPTEMBER 11, 1978

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 11, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1542, No.538),
2 entitled "An act creating a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 Council on the Arts, for the encouragement and development of
4 the various arts, and making an appropriation therefor,"
5 further providing for the powers of the council.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 5 and 6, act of January 25, 1966 (1965
9 P.L.1542, No.538), entitled "An act creating a Commonwealth of
10 Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, for the encouragement and
11 development of the various arts, and making an appropriation
12 therefor," are amended to read:

13 Section 5. The council shall:

14 (1) Make a comprehensive survey of public and private
15 institutions engaged within the State in artistic and cultural
16 activities, [including but not limited] relating to music,
17 theater, dance, painting, sculpture, architecture and allied
18 arts and crafts [and of such other cultural resources in the
19 State as are contemplated by this act].

20 (2) Determine the legitimate artistic needs [and aspirations

1 culturally and artistically] of our citizens in all parts of the
2 State.

3 (3) Ascertain how these resources, including those already
4 in existence and those which should be brought to existence, are
5 to serve the [cultural] artistic needs [amd aspirations] of the
6 citizens of the State.

7 (4) Assist the communities within the State in originating
8 and creating their own [cultural and] artistic programs.

9 (5) Submit a report to the Governor and to the Legislature
10 not later than ten calendar days following the commencement of
11 each regular session of the Legislature concerning such studies
12 it has made and such actions it has taken and recommending such
13 legislation and other action as is necessary for the
14 implementation and enforcement of this act. The council shall
15 submit a first report to the Governor and the Legislature at the
16 1966 regular session.

17 Section 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed
18 as [limiting or] vesting power in the council to encroach upon
19 or usurp the power vested in any other commission or agency
20 heretofore created under the laws of this Commonwealth; nor
21 shall the council allocate any funds to assist any artistic or
22 other program unless the governing body of the municipality in
23 which the program will be located shall by resolution affirm its
24 support of the program and the request for funds. No funds shall
25 be allocated by the council to assist any artistic or other
26 programs without the affirmative vote of at least ten members of
27 the council and each application for assistance shall be
28 separately considered.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.