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1 AN ACT Relating to providing funds to establish and sustain public  
2 school arts programs; amending RCW 67.70.240; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 43.46 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.79 RCW; and  
4 creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the arts can  
7 teach much about every culture through its literature, visual arts,  
8 music, dance, and drama. Throughout history people have recorded their  
9 struggles, their dreams, and their lives in works of art. Many people  
10 recognize that to be truly well-educated, one must not only learn to  
11 appreciate the arts but must have rich opportunities to actively  
12 participate in creative work.

13 The legislature further finds that the arts can bring every  
14 academic subject to life and that the integration of the arts with the  
15 fuller academic curriculum, including reading, mathematics, science,  
16 and social studies, can enrich student experiences, enhance student  
17 engagement, extend student learning, and deepen student understanding  
18 of all the academic content areas. The legislature intends to provide

1 resources to help improve arts-infused curriculum and integration into  
2 our schools and transform the teaching, learning, and school  
3 environments in Washington through the use of the arts.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.46 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, the school arts  
7 programs account committee shall establish an annual grant process to  
8 institute and sustain arts-infused curriculum, programs, and projects  
9 in public schools, which could include professional development for  
10 classroom teachers, specialist teachers, and principals in order to  
11 continue the curriculum, programs, and projects in the future.  
12 Curriculum, programs, and projects funded through the school arts  
13 programs account committee shall assist students to make connections  
14 within and across the arts to other disciplines, to learn about other  
15 cultures, and to strengthen communities through the use of the arts.

16 (2) Only cities, counties, nonprofit arts agencies and  
17 organizations, artists, public schools, school districts, and  
18 educational service districts in Washington may apply for school arts  
19 programs account funds. Each application must involve at least one  
20 arts agency, arts organization, or artist and at least one public  
21 school.

22 (3) To the maximum extent possible, the school arts programs  
23 account committee shall distribute grants based upon full-time  
24 equivalent student populations in each of the nine educational service  
25 districts and shall reserve no less than ten percent and no more than  
26 twenty-five percent of total annual funds for proposals with a  
27 statewide focus delivered regionally.

28 (4) The executive director of the Washington state arts commission  
29 shall designate a school arts programs account committee. The  
30 superintendent of public instruction shall appoint two members and the  
31 executive director of the Washington state arts commission shall  
32 appoint two members. A fifth at-large member shall be selected by the  
33 four appointed members. Term lengths for school arts programs account  
34 committee members shall be determined jointly by the superintendent of  
35 public instruction and the executive director of the Washington state  
36 arts commission.

1 (5) The Washington state arts commission shall spend no more than  
2 three and one-half percent of annual state arts programs account funds  
3 for administrative staffing and other expenses related to managing the  
4 program. Members of the state arts programs account committee shall  
5 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
6 as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

7 (6)(a) The executive director of the Washington state arts  
8 commission, in conjunction with the state arts programs account  
9 committee, shall acknowledge the Washington state lottery as the source  
10 of state arts programs account funds for all grant programs and  
11 projects in all state arts programs account committee and Washington  
12 state arts commission publications including, but not limited to, grant  
13 solicitations and brochures, advertising, and press releases.

14 (b) For each completed program and project funded by the state arts  
15 programs account, the Washington state arts commission executive  
16 director and the state arts programs account committee shall  
17 acknowledge the Washington state lottery as the funding source through  
18 enduring signage, including by film or written credit, or  
19 acknowledgment approved by the Washington state lottery.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 The school arts programs account is created in the custody of the  
23 state treasurer. Receipts from the state lottery, as provided in RCW  
24 67.70.240(6) must be deposited in the account. Expenditures from the  
25 account may be used only to establish and sustain arts programs in  
26 public schools in accordance with section 2 of this act. Only one of  
27 the members of the school arts programs account committee created in  
28 section 2 of this act appointed by the superintendent of public  
29 instruction and one of the members appointed by the Washington state  
30 arts commission may authorize expenditures from the account. The  
31 account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but  
32 an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 67.70.240 and 2001 c 3 s 4 are each amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only:

1           (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery  
2 tickets or shares;

3           (2) For purposes of making deposits into the reserve account  
4 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account  
5 created by RCW 67.70.260;

6           (3) For purposes of making deposits into the education construction  
7 fund and student achievement fund created in RCW 43.135.045. For the  
8 transition period from July 1, 2001, until and including June 30, 2002,  
9 fifty percent of the moneys not otherwise obligated under this section  
10 shall be placed in the student achievement fund and fifty percent of  
11 these moneys shall be placed in the education construction fund. On  
12 and after July 1, 2002, until June 30, 2004, seventy-five percent of  
13 these moneys shall be placed in the student achievement fund and  
14 twenty-five percent shall be placed in the education construction fund.  
15 On and after July 1, 2004, all deposits not otherwise obligated under  
16 this section shall be placed in the education construction fund.  
17 Moneys in the state lottery account deposited in the education  
18 construction fund and the student achievement fund are included in  
19 "general state revenues" under RCW 39.42.070;

20           (4) For distribution to a county for the purpose of paying the  
21 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to  
22 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including  
23 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs. Three million dollars  
24 shall be distributed under this subsection during calendar year 1996.  
25 During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal the prior  
26 year's distributions increased by four percent. Distributions under  
27 this subsection shall cease when the bonds issued for the construction  
28 of the baseball stadium are retired, but not more than twenty years  
29 after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first imposed;

30           (5) For distribution to the stadium and exhibition center account,  
31 created in RCW 43.99N.060. Subject to the conditions of RCW  
32 43.99N.070, six million dollars shall be distributed under this  
33 subsection during the calendar year 1998. During subsequent years,  
34 such distribution shall equal the prior year's distributions increased  
35 by four percent. No distribution may be made under this subsection  
36 after December 31, 1999, unless the conditions for issuance of the  
37 bonds under RCW 43.99N.020(2) are met. Distributions under this

1 subsection shall cease when the bonds are retired, but not later than  
2 December 31, 2020;

3 (6) For distribution to the school arts programs account as created  
4 in section 3 of this act. The distributions in subsection (4) of this  
5 section, upon the earlier of retirement of the baseball stadium bonds  
6 or twenty years after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first imposed,  
7 shall be distributed for the purposes of and subject to the conditions  
8 of sections 2 and 3 of this act;

9 (7) For the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-  
10 related services; and

11 ~~((7))~~ (8) For the payment of agent compensation.

12 The office of financial management shall require the allotment of  
13 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and  
14 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes  
15 in the allotments.

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