

HB 2500 - DIGEST

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

Provides that the executive director of the Washington state arts commission shall designate a school arts programs account committee.

Provides that beginning with the 2012-13 school year, the school arts programs account committee shall establish an annual grant process to institute and sustain arts-infused curriculum, programs, and projects in public schools, which could include professional development for classroom teachers, specialist teachers, and principals in order to continue the curriculum, programs, and projects in the future.

Provides that curriculum, programs, and projects funded through the school arts programs account committee shall assist students to make connections within and across the arts to other disciplines, to learn about other cultures, and to strengthen communities through the use of the arts.

Provides that the school arts programs account is created in the custody of the state treasurer.

Provides that the Washington state lottery is the source of state arts programs account funds for all grant programs and projects in all state arts programs account committee and Washington state arts commission publications including, but not limited to, grant solicitations and brochures, advertising, and press releases.