1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)
4	HOUSE BILL 2245 By: Sears and Casey of the
5	House
6	and
7	Jolley and Treat of the Senate
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10	AS INTRODUCED
11	An Act relating to the Oklahoma Arts Council;
12	amending 53 O.S. 2011, Section 174, which relates to incentive grants for visual arts programs in schools;
13	modifying authorized uses of incentive grant funding; providing an effective date; and declaring an
14	emergency.
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
17	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 53 O.S. 2011, Section 174, is
18	amended to read as follows:
19	Section 174. A. The Oklahoma Arts Council is authorized to
20	assist and, if funds are available, to make incentive grants to
21	school districts or organizations for the establishment of visual
22	arts programs in schools. The award of grants shall be limited to:
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- 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 startup 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.

1	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.
2	SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3	of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
4	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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7	AND BUDGET, dated 05/19/2015 - DO PASS.
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