

SENATE BILL 1641

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2 and Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, relative to the apportionment of new specialty earmarked license plate proceeds to the Tennessee arts commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-215(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b) The revenues allocated to the Tennessee arts commission pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) shall be distributed, as follows:

(1) One-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the funds shall be distributed by the Tennessee arts commission in the form of grants to schools identified as priority schools pursuant to § 49-1-602(b)(2). Such funds shall be used for the purpose of hiring art teachers at the priority schools and shall be distributed first to elementary schools, second to middle schools, and third to high schools. Any excess funds shall be used for purchasing art supplies and shall also be distributed first to elementary schools, second to middle schools, and third to high schools; and

(2) One-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the funds shall be distributed by the Tennessee arts commission in the form of grants to arts organizations or events which meet criteria established by the arts commission for receiving grants, within the following parameters:

(A) One-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the funds shall be distributed to qualifying arts organizations or events in urban counties; and

(B) Two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the funds shall be distributed to qualifying arts organizations or events in rural counties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.