

ASSEMBLY, No. 49

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman MURPHY and Assemblyman GIBSON

1 AN ACT reappropriating \$8,036,000 from the "Cultural Centers and
2 Historic Preservation Fund," established pursuant to the "New
3 Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation
4 Bond Act of 1987," P.L.1987, c.265, to assist projects for cultural
5 center development, and providing for cancellation of certain
6 previous appropriations from the fund.

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8 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
9 of New Jersey:

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11 1. a. There is reappropriated \$8,036,000 to the State Council on
12 the Arts in the Department of State for the purpose of awarding grants
13 to assist projects for cultural center development, which sum shall
14 include administrative costs, from the unexpended balances of amounts
15 previously appropriated pursuant to P.L.1989, c.349, P.L.1991, c.251
16 and P.L.1993, c.191 from the "Cultural Centers and Historic
17 Preservation Fund," created pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1987, c.265,
18 to the extent the unexpended balances are available due to project
19 cancellation or withdrawal or the inability to execute contract with
20 grant applicant as of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )
21 (now pending before the Legislature as this bill), as determined by the
22 State Council on the Arts. The following projects are eligible for
23 funding from this reappropriation up to amounts listed herein and
24 subject to grant awards:

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26 The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival.....\$2,500,000
27 The John Harms Theater.....2,108,000
28 The Jersey City Museum.....2,000,000
29 Burlington County College.....530,000
30 The South Jersey Performing Arts Center.....500,000
31 Cumberland County College.....398,000
32 TOTAL.....\$8,036,000
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34 b. Appropriations previously made pursuant to P.L.1989, c.349,
35 P.L.1991, c.251 and P.L.1993, c.191 from the "Cultural Centers and
36 Historic Preservation Fund," created pursuant to section 20 of
37 P.L.1987, c.265, are hereby canceled to the extent of any unexpended

1 balances in amounts in excess of the reappropriation made in  
2 subsection a. of this section that are available due to project  
3 cancellation or withdrawal or the inability to execute contract with  
4 grant applicant as of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )  
5 (now pending before the Legislature as this bill), as determined by the  
6 State Council on the Arts.

7 c. The State Council on the Arts shall report to the Joint Budget  
8 Oversight Committee within 30 days following the effective date of  
9 P.L. , c. (C. )(now pending before the Legislature as this  
10 bill) the amount of bond funds previously appropriated pursuant to  
11 P.L.1989, c.349, P.L.1991, c.251 and P.L.1993, c.191 that remain  
12 unexpended as of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )  
13 (now pending before the Legislature as this bill) due to project  
14 cancellation, withdrawal or inability to execute contract with grant  
15 applicant and the reasons for any cancellation or withdrawal or  
16 inability to execute a contract.

17 d. The expenditure of the funds reappropriated by this section is  
18 subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1987, c.265.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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25 This bill reappropriates \$8,036,000 from the "Cultural Centers and  
26 Historic Preservation Fund," established pursuant to the "New Jersey  
27 Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of  
28 1987," P.L.1987, c.265, for cultural projects approved for funding  
29 under Round IV of the Cultural Centers Bond Issue Program. The six  
30 projects recommended for funding were the most favorably evaluated  
31 among the 44 applications received in Round IV of the bond program  
32 to build, expand or renovate cultural centers. An independent panel  
33 composed of six people, expert in various aspects for cultural center  
34 design, construction and operation, reviewed and evaluated each  
35 proposal. With the approval of the projects included in this bill, a  
36 total of 19 different cultural center projects will have been funded  
37 under the bond program.

38 According to the State Council on the Arts, approximately  
39 \$8,787,622 in previously appropriated bond funds remain unexpended  
40 due to project cancellation or withdrawal, or the inability to execute  
41 a contract with a grant applicant; therefore, the bill reappropriates a  
42 portion of these unexpended funds for the listed projects, and cancels  
43 the previous appropriation for any unexpended funds in excess of the  
44 amount reappropriated. The determination that the funds are  
45 unexpended due to cancellation or withdrawal or the inability to  
46 execute a contract will be made by the State Council on the Arts.

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3 Reappropriates \$8,036,000 from "Cultural Centers and Historic  
4 Preservation Fund" to State Council on the Arts for construction,  
5 expansion or renovation of cultural centers; cancels certain previous  
6 appropriations.