



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1423**

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REVITALIZING CONNECTICUT'S HERITAGE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Connecticut  
2 Humanities Council shall establish an educational and outreach  
3 program to assist cultural and heritage organizations and museums.  
4 Said program shall include, but not be limited to, a web site designed  
5 to be a resource for museums and other organizations regarding (1)  
6 visitor surveys, (2) effective web site construction and maintenance, (3)  
7 marketing programs, (4) audience and economic impact studies, (5)  
8 guides to granting programs and application procedures of major  
9 heritage funding sources, and (6) other technical publications and  
10 materials. As part of said educational and outreach program the  
11 council shall conduct seminars and meetings on marketing and  
12 surveying and teaching history.

13 (b) The Connecticut Humanities Council shall establish an online  
14 encyclopedia of Connecticut history, which shall include, but not be  
15 limited to, essays on Connecticut towns and counties.

16 (c) The Connecticut Humanities Council, in collaboration with  
17 Connecticut History Online, established pursuant to subsection (b) of  
18 this section, shall expand an online Connecticut historical database,  
19 which shall include, but not be limited to, historical images, links to  
20 books and articles, and curriculum resources for teachers. Connecticut

21 History Online shall work with libraries and cultural heritage  
22 organizations to digitize their historical collections. Said database shall  
23 also include the use of a metadata cataloger to work with state-wide  
24 heritage organizations to digitize their collections.

25 (d) The Connecticut Humanities Council, in collaboration with the  
26 Office of the State Historian, The University of Connecticut's College of  
27 Liberal Arts and Sciences, Connecticut Public Television and  
28 Connecticut History Online, shall establish a curriculum on  
29 Connecticut and the nation, which shall include, but not be limited to,  
30 documentaries, modules and accompanying curriculum units for high  
31 school history classes and an index of program-related, Internet-based  
32 materials.

33 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one million dollars is  
34 appropriated to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism,  
35 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the  
36 purpose of establishing the programs pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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