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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL TREASURES ACCOUNT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) There is established an
2 account to be known as the "cultural treasures account", which shall be
3 a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account
4 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the
5 account.

6 (b) The moneys in said account shall be expended by the
7 Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism for the purpose of
8 providing grant funds to individuals, institutions and organizations
9 for creating, preserving, promoting and expanding nonprofit arts and
10 cultural activities in the state provided the funds are distributed as
11 follows: Not less than twenty-five per cent to nonprofit arts and
12 cultural institutions, organizations and individuals with annual
13 operating budgets of less than one million dollars.

14 (c) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall

15 award grants provided in subsection (b) of this section to such
16 individuals, institutions and organizations based on criteria, including,
17 but not limited to: (1) Cultural merit, (2) financial strength, (3)
18 management accountability, (4) community involvement, (5) visitors
19 per year, (6) number of students served, (7) historic value, and (8) the
20 percentage of available state funds compared to nongovernmental
21 funds.

22 (d) Before awarding any grants pursuant to subsection (b) of this
23 section, the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall
24 make any and all criteria established pursuant to subsection (c) of this
25 section available to applicants.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]