

BILL ANALYSIS

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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, the County Arts Expansion Program of the Texas Commission on the Arts expands opportunities for arts programs to all parts of the state and ensures that arts programs are being supported in every Texas county. The program requires a one-to-one match and up to 50 percent of the match for project assistance may be in-kind donations, which creates difficulty in smaller border counties in matching the project funds. C.S.S.B. 1613 would require the Texas Commission on the Arts to use private gifts and donations to promote the development of the arts in certain municipalities located near an international border.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1613 requires the Texas Commission on the Arts to use private gifts and donations to promote the development of the arts in certain municipalities located near an international border.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 444B, Government Code, by adding Section 444.031, as follows:

Sec. 444.031. BORDER ARTS INITIATIVE. Requires the Texas Commission on the Arts (commission) to develop a program under which the commission will provide financial assistance and on-site technical assistance to promote the development of the arts in certain counties that are located on or near the international border. Requires the commission to model the program after its county arts expansion program, except that the commission is prohibited from requiring a county to provide matching funds to participate in the program. Requires the commission to reserve \$3,000 for each county, out of appropriated money, to implement the program in five specific state fiscal years. Provides that this section expires September 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 444.031, Government Code, to set forth a model for the border arts initiative and the source of funding for the program. Provides that this section expires September 1, 2004.

SECTION 2.

Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3.

Redesignated from proposed SECTION 2.