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18A:61A-8

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Legislative Notes on R.S. 13A:61A-1
to 13A:61A-8
(State School of the Arts)

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Commission to Study the Arts in New Jersey was created by JR 11 of 1962.

N.J. State Council on the Arts was created by Chapter 214 of 1966.

Previous bills to create School of the Arts:

1968 - S111

Introduced Feb. 5th by Hering.

Died in Senate.

No statement.

L. 1969, Chapter 95 - S50

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No statement.

Not amended during passage

Hearings and reports:

974.90 N.J. Legislature. Assembly. Committee on Education.
E24 Public hearing on Senate Bill No. 10 -
1965 An act relating to state aid to school districts for the
school year commencing July 1, 1965. Held Feb. 11, 1965.
(Trenton) 1965.

974.90 N.J. Commission to Study the Arts in N.J. Committee
E24 on Graphic & Industrial Design & Art.
1965d Report . . . (Trenton) 1965.

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SENATE, No. 50

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1969 SESSION

By Senator HIERING

AN ACT relating to education in the fields of the visual and performing arts, providing for the establishment and maintenance by the State of a New Jersey School of the Arts, supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, and making an appropriation therefor.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to foster,
2 encourage and promote, and to provide assistance for, the cultural
3 development of the citizens of New Jersey, and to this end the
4 State Legislature hereby establishes a school for the professional
5 training of students having exceptional talent in the performing
6 and visual arts which shall be defined as an educational institution
7 of the State under the supervision and direction of the State Board
8 of Education, to serve the students of New Jersey, to be known
9 as the New Jersey School of the Arts, hereinafter referred to as
10 "the school."

1 2. The primary purpose of the school shall be the professional
2 training of talented students in the fields of art, music, drama, the
3 dance, and allied performing arts, at the high school level of instruc-
4 tion, with emphasis placed upon performance of the arts, and not
5 upon academic studies of the arts. The school may also offer (a)
6 high school academic subjects (grades 9 through 12) and accept
7 qualified students in such grades from any school district in the
8 State, (b) such other programs as are deemed necessary to meet
9 the needs of its students and of the State, consistent with appropria-
10 tions made and gifts received therefor, and (c) may co-operate
11 with other schools which provide such courses of instruction.

1 3. The school shall be governed by a board of trustees consisting
2 of 11 members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and
3 consent of the Senate, who will serve terms of 6 years and until the

4 appointment and qualification of their successors; except that, of
5 the first appointees to the board, 4 members shall be appointed for
6 terms of 6 years, 4 members for terms of 4 years, and 3 members
7 for terms of 2 years, with all terms to commence on July 1 of the
8 year in which the members shall be appointed. Members of the
9 board shall serve without remuneration but shall be entitled to
10 reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their
11 duties. The chairman of the Arts Council of New Jersey shall be
12 an ex-officio member of the board of trustees. A vacancy in the
13 membership of the board shall be filled by appointment for the
14 unexpired term.

1 4. The board of trustees shall organize at a meeting to be called
2 by the Commissioner of Education and annually thereafter by
3 election from their number of a chairman and a vice chairman and
4 appointment of a secretary, who may but need not be a member
5 of the board of trustees, and such other officers as the board shall
6 determine. The meeting for the election and appointment of
7 officers shall be held not earlier than July 1 and not later than
8 October 1 of each year. Officers shall serve for terms of 1 year,
9 and until their successors are selected and qualified. The board
10 of trustees shall be known as "The Trustees of the New Jersey
11 School of the Arts" and shall be a body corporate, with all the
12 powers usually conferred upon such bodies and necessary to enable
13 it to acquire, hold and transfer property, make contracts, sue and
14 be sued, and to exercise such other rights and privileges as may
15 be necessary for the management and administration of the school,
16 and for carrying out the provisions and purposes of this act.

1 5. As soon as practicable after the organization of the board of
2 trustees it shall meet to consider appropriate sites for the tempo-
3 rary and permanent location of the school and shall make its rec-
4 ommendations in connection therewith to the State Board of Edu-
5 cation and the Governor. Upon approval of a temporary site the
6 board of trustees shall proceed to organize the school in accordance
7 with the powers and authority provided in this act.

1 6. The board of trustees of the school shall, within the general
2 policies and guidelines set by the State Board of Education, have
3 general supervision over, and shall be vested with the conduct of,
4 the school. It shall, within the general policies and guidelines set
5 by the State Board of Education, have the power and duty to:

6 a. Adopt and use a corporate seal;

7 b. Determine the educational curriculum and program of the
8 school;

9 c. Determine policies for the organization, administration and
10 development of the school;

11 d. Study the educational and financial needs of the school; an-
12 nually acquaint the Governor and Legislature with the condition
13 of the school; and prepare, and after concurrence by and jointly
14 with the State Board of Education, present the annual budget to
15 the Governor and Legislature, in accordance with law;

16 e. Subject to the provisions of P. L. 1944, chapter 112, direct and
17 control the expenditures of the school in accordance with the pro-
18 visions of the budget and the appropriations acts of the Legislature,
19 except that with respect to transfers of funds pursuant to P. L.
20 1944, chapter 112, the school shall be deemed a spending agency,
21 and as to funds received from other sources, in accordance with
22 the terms, of any applicable trusts, gifts, bequests, or other special
23 provisions; the counsel, advice and assistance of the Division of
24 Investment in the Department of the Treasury, shall be available
25 to the board of trustees in the establishment and maintenance of
26 endowment and trust funds;

27 f. With the approval of the State Board of Education appoint
28 and fix the compensation of a director of the school who shall be
29 its executive officer and shall serve at the pleasure of the board of
30 trustees;

31 g. Appoint a treasurer and such deans and other members of
32 the academic, administrative and teaching staffs as shall be re-
33 quired and fix their compensation and terms of employment in
34 accordance with salary policies adopted by the State Board of
35 Education, which salary policies shall prescribe qualifications for
36 the various classifications and shall limit the percentage of the
37 education staff that may be in any given classification;

37A h. Appoint, remove, promote and transfer such other officers,
38 agents or employees as may be required for carrying out the pur-
39 poses of the school and assign their duties, determine their salaries
40 and prescribe qualifications for all positions, all in accordance with
41 the provisions of Title 11, Civil Service, of the Revised Statutes;

42-43 i. Grant diplomas and certificates subject to standards fixed by
44 the State Board of Education;

45 j. Subject to the provisions of P. L. 1954, chapter 48, to enter
46 into contracts and agreements with the State or any of its political
47 subdivisions or with the United States, or with any public body,
48 department or other agency of the State or the United States or
49 with any individual, firm, or corporation which are deemed neces-
50 sary or advisable by the board for carrying out the purposes of the
51 school;

52 k. Subject to the provisions of P. L. 1954, chapter 48, purchase
53 lands, buildings, equipment, materials and supplies; employ archi-
54 tects, engineers and other persons desired in the planning of build-
55 ings, equipment and facilities; secure bids, enter into contracts for
56 and supervise the construction of such buildings, equipment and
57 facilities;

58 l. If necessary, take and condemn land and other property in the
59 manner provided by chapter 1 of Title 20, Eminent Domain, of
60 the Revised Statutes, whenever authorized by law to purchase land
61 or other property;

62 m. Adopt, after consultation with the advisory board, the di-
63 rector and faculty, by-laws and make and promulgate such rules,
64 regulations and orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of
65 this act that are necessary and proper for the administration and
66 operation of the school and the carrying out of its purposes;

67 n. Receive and accept private and corporate contributions for
68 such purposes and upon such terms as the donor may prescribe
69 consistent with the purposes of the school and general policies and
70 guidelines set by the State Board of Education;

71 o. With approval of the State Board of Education, fix tuition
72 to be paid by students and by sending districts, as to high school
73 students from such districts attending the school;

74 p. Prescribe entrance requirements so that professional training
75 shall be available only to students having exceptional talent in one
76 or more of the visual and performing arts.

1 7. Subject to the approval of the State Board of Education or
2 the board of education of a school district, as the case may be, the
3 board of trustees may contract for the use of existing facilities,
4 courses of instruction and programs in academic and other nonarts
5 courses and instruction of other educational institutions and to
6 employ faculty and other personnel jointly or on a co-operative or
7 cost sharing basis with such other educational institutions.

1 8. As advisors to the board of trustees there shall be an advisory
2 board, to consist of not less than 10 members who shall have
3 achieved national, or international distinction in the performing
4 or visual arts as performers, playwrights, composers, or otherwise,
5 to be appointed by the Governor, to serve for terms of 8 years
6 each; provided, that of the original advisory board, 1/3 shall be
7 appointed for terms of 8 years, 1/3 shall be appointed for terms of
8 6 years, and 1/3 shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. The
9 members of the advisory board shall be notified of all meetings of
10 the board of trustees, and shall be invited to attend such meetings

11 and to advise and counsel with the board of trustees, but the mem-
12 bers of the advisory board shall not be entitled to vote. Vacancies
13 in the original membership of the said advisory board shall be
14 filled by election of replacement members by the advisory board,
15 with the approval of the Governor, for terms of 8 years, or, if to
16 fill a vacancy, for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members
17 of the advisory board shall serve without remuneration.

1 9. The sum of \$75,000.00 is appropriated to the Department of
2 Education for use by the board of trustees for the establishment of
3 a pilot program in one of the arts and the operation of the school
4 during the fiscal year 1969-70.

1 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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S-50 **Hiering--Pre-filed**--Provides for the establishment and maintenance by the State of a School of the Arts; appropriates \$75,000.

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The Committee supports this bill.

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Bill S-50 (formerly S-411) Hiering.

Provides for the establishment and maintenance by the State of a School of the arts; appropriates \$75,000. Jan. 14 - Education Com.

The New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers has initiated the Bill for a Cultural Arts High School. We feel that our young people need encouragement and cultural assistance as well as in other fields. Talented students will have the opportunity to train in the fields of art, music, drama, the dance, and allied performing arts. Students from all areas of New Jersey would have the opportunity for professional training, providing they have exceptional talent in one or more of the visual and performing arts.

It has been suggested that the Cultural Arts High School might be located in the vicinity of the New Jersey Center of the Performing Arts. This could be most advantageous.

If you wish to support a Cultural Arts High School won't you write your legislators urging that Bill S-50 be released from the Education Committee?

Mrs. Arthur L. Davis
Legislation Chairman

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RECENT EVENTS IN EDUCATION
FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. AND TRENTON

Capital Outlook

Kindergarten Reading When Ready

■ Kindergarten programs may include "instruction in reading and other subjects when it has been determined that a child is ready for such instruction by the teacher of the class."

This is part of new standards for kindergartens approved by the N.J. State Board of Education at its June 4 meeting.

The State Board rescinded its previous standards adopted in 1959 which, according to the State Department of Education, "stipulated that no formal instruction in reading, writing or numbers could be undertaken in kindergarten."

New policies continue to designate the maximum enrollment for any kindergarten class as 25 pupils per teacher. The county superintendent of schools, however, may give permission to increase the number in a room to any number he chooses provided another teacher, an auxiliary teacher, or a teacher aide is employed full-time to provide for the increased size.

A Department bulletin states that the change "will allow the teaching of reading to kindergarten students on a selective basis." The kindergarten program, the new policy reads, "is to be designed to meet individual needs of every child."

School of the Arts Created

■ The N.J. School of the Arts is close to be a reality. S-50 was signed by Gov. Richard J. Hughes this summer creating a State-supported high school which will give professional training to 400 artistically talented students in grades 9 through 12.

Artist-teachers will guide students in art, music, drama, dance, and allied performing arts. As a campus-dormitory school, it will serve all of New Jersey and provide the academic curriculum necessary for college entrance. Emphasis will be placed on performance with ample opportunity for interrelationship of the arts.

Supported by NJEA, the legislation was introduced through the efforts of the N.J. Congress of Parents and Teachers. Dr. Elaine L. Raichle, supervisor of art education for Irvington schools, headed the effort.

Out of the Manpower Business

■ The Administration in Washington has submitted to Congress a new manpower training plan. Under it, any one unemployed or high school dropout wanting a job or training would go to his local state employment service rather than attempt to enroll in any of 30 programs now in existence.

Under President Nixon's proposal, all existing programs would be placed under state employment agencies. It would also give state and local government major responsibility of federal job training programs.

Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz reports that 80 per cent of \$2.3 billion budgeted for manpower this fiscal year would go to states and cities. The rest would be used for national programs.

The proposal would repeal the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 and "wipe out all existing job training programs," according to an official spokesman.

Programs effected include the Neighborhood Youth Corps, the Job Corps, and some Labor Department programs.

Functions of the embattled U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity would also continue to be whittled away under

the plan. This followed announcement that the OEO community action program would be trimmed.

The Administration has requested \$600 million in additional funds for child care centers for working mothers in connection with the President's new national welfare plan.

The manpower proposal also includes provision for a national computerized job bank set up in each state.

Move To Increase Federal Aid

■ NEA lobbyists in Washington have had quite a busy summer. The fall may prove to be an even busier season.

Extensive lobbying efforts by a coalition of educational organizations led by NEA succeeded in passing an amendment for \$894.5 million in education funds above the House Appropriations Committee request. The measure was introduced by New Jersey Congressman Charles S. Joelson (D. 8th Dist.-Passaic) and was passed on a 293-120



Meeting in House Speaker McCormick's office to review successful passage of an amendment increasing federal school aid by \$894.5 over Appropriations Committee recommendation are: (l-r) John M. Lumley, NEA assistant executive secretary for legislation and federal relations; N.J. Congressman Charles S. Joelson, chief sponsor of the amendment; and Lewis R. Applegate, NJEA director of public relations.

roll call vote (For details, see Sept. NJEA REPORTER.)

The House action added funds to some nine federal programs. As amended, New Jersey would receive \$32.1 million in ESEA Title I money alone. (Last year, New Jersey received \$21 million in Title I funds. Projected for this year were only \$19 million.)

President Nixon rushed to criticize the House for appropriating \$1.1 billion for education beyond his budget request. If it pushed federal spending over his ceiling for fiscal 1970, "I will not spend" the money, the President warned.

The measure is expected to go to the Senate this month.

Calling on the nation to "gear up to the enormous task of putting its education house in order," Rep. Carl D. Perkins (D.-Ky.), praised the bold \$7.8 billion federal assistance bill authored by NEA and introduced in May. The bill, HR 10833, is co-sponsored by Rep. Edith Green (D.-Ore.)

Rep. Perkins, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, said the NEA measure would "protect the essential educational authority of the states" while "relieving the strain on state and local taxation resulting from ever-increasing demands on our school systems."

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