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DELAWARE STATE SENATE

142nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 116

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 1 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL DAYS AND MONTHS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend Chapter 6, Title 1, Delaware Code by adding to the Chapter Heading the following:

2 "and Special Months".

3 Section 2. Amend Chapter 6, Title 1, Delaware Code by adding thereto the following:

4 "§605. March For The Arts

5 The following month shall be commemorated in this State by appropriate ceremonies: the month of March,

6 known as March for the Arts."

SYNOPSIS

This Act designates the month of March as March for the Arts. Support for the Arts is accomplished in many states through a combined effort of the Division of the Arts and the State Arts Council, the state Department of Education and one or more Arts advocacy groups. With the reforming of the Delaware Alliance for Arts in Education (DAAE) in September of 2002, Delaware joined with 46 other states in an alliance with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to ensure that the Arts are recognized as vital parts in the lives of all its citizens. In thirty of the fifty states, advocacy efforts are concentrated in the months of February and March with days, weeks or a month devoted to the celebration of the Arts. These dates coincide with All-State Music programs, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, spring theatrical productions and musicals, Music in the Schools month, sponsored by the Music Educators National Conference, and Youth in Art Month, sponsored by the National Art Education Association. Celebrations in and through the Arts can and should be coordinated throughout the state of Delaware.

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