

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 4, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to enacting the visiting artists act; making an appropriation therefor; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "visiting artists act".

3 § 2. Section 3.05 of the arts and cultural affairs law is amended by
4 adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

5 12. To establish and administer a grant pilot program for musicians to
6 perform at schools in the state which receive funding pursuant to title
7 one of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et
8 seq.), hereinafter "eligible schools", utilizing funds appropriated
9 therefor. Grants shall be awarded on a first come, first served basis,
10 up to a maximum of five thousand dollars, to applying eligible schools.
11 Each eligible school may be awarded one grant per academic year.

12 § 3. The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), or so much thereof
13 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the council on the arts
14 out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund, not other-
15 wise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of
16 carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on
17 the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or
18 approved by the chair of the council on the arts in the manner
19 prescribed by law.

20 § 4. This act shall take effect April 1, 2027 and shall expire and be
21 deemed repealed 2 years after such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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