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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to arts and cultural enhancement and endowment,  
2 and arts and cultural conferences and caucuses.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 303.3A ARTS AND CULTURAL  
2 CONFERENCES AND CAUCUSES.

3 1. For the purposes of this section, the following  
4 definitions apply:

5 a. "Arts" means music, dance, theater, opera and music  
6 theater, visual arts, literature, design arts, media arts, and  
7 folk and traditional arts.

8 b. "Culture" or "cultural" means programs and activities  
9 which explore past and present human experience.

10 c. "Department" means the department of cultural affairs.

11 2. The department shall administer regional conferences  
12 and a statewide caucus on arts and cultural enhancement. The  
13 purpose of the conferences and caucus is to encourage the  
14 development of the arts and culture in the state by  
15 identifying opportunities for programs regarding education,  
16 outreach, and enhancement, by reviewing possible changes in  
17 enhancement program policies, programs, and funding, and by  
18 making recommendations to the department regarding funding  
19 allocations and priorities.

20 3. Every four years beginning in the year 2001, in the  
21 month of June, the department shall convene a statewide caucus  
22 on arts and cultural enhancement.

23 a. Prior to the statewide caucus, the department shall  
24 make arrangements to hold a conference in each of several  
25 regions of the state as defined by the Iowa arts council. The  
26 department shall promote attendance of interested persons at  
27 each conference. A designee of the department shall serve as  
28 temporary chairperson until persons attending elect a  
29 chairperson. The department shall provide persons attending  
30 with current information regarding cultural programs and  
31 expenditures. Persons attending shall identify opportunities  
32 for programs in the areas of education, outreach, and  
33 enhancement, and make recommendations in the form of a  
34 resolution. The persons attending the conference shall elect  
35 six persons from among the attendees to serve as regional,

1 voting delegates to the statewide caucus. The conference  
2 attendees shall elect a chairperson from among the six  
3 representatives. Other interested persons are encouraged to  
4 attend the statewide caucus as nonvoting attendees.

5 b. A designee of the department shall call the caucus to  
6 order and serve as temporary chairperson until persons  
7 attending the caucus elect a chairperson. Persons attending  
8 the caucus shall discuss the recommendations of the regional  
9 conferences and decide upon recommendations to be made to the  
10 department and the general assembly. Elected chairpersons of  
11 the regional conferences shall meet with representatives of  
12 the department and present the recommendations of the caucus.

13 Sec. 2. Chapter 303C, Code 1997, is repealed.

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#### EXPLANATION

15 This bill repeals Code chapter 303C relating to the Iowa  
16 arts and cultural enhancement and endowment accounts, the arts  
17 and cultural enhancement program, matching funds provided to  
18 nonprofit organizations, block grants, an advisory council,  
19 the arts and cultural endowment program, and the arts and  
20 cultural endowment foundation.

21 The bill provides for the department of cultural affairs to  
22 administer regional conferences and a statewide caucus on arts  
23 and culture. The bill provides that a caucus shall be  
24 convened every four years in June, beginning in the year 2001.  
25 Prior to the caucus, a conference shall be held in several  
26 regions in the state to identify opportunities for programs in  
27 the areas of education, outreach, and enhancement, and make  
28 recommendations. The persons attending the conferences shall  
29 elect six persons from the attendees of each conference to  
30 serve as regional, voting delegates to the statewide caucus.  
31 The attendees of the conference shall elect a chairperson from  
32 one of the six representatives. The bill provides that  
33 interested persons are encouraged to attend the caucus as  
34 nonvoting attendees. At the caucus, the recommendations of  
35 the regional conferences shall be discussed and the caucus

1 shall decide upon recommendations to be made to the department  
2 and the general assembly. The chairpersons shall present the  
3 recommendations to the representatives of the department.

4 The bill removes all references to programs, funds, and  
5 accounts which are repealed in the bill.

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