

THE VIRGINIA COMMISSION OF THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES
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AND
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA
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The Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities

Report of the

Virginia Advisory Legislative Council

To

The Governor and the General Assembly of Virginia

Richmond, Virginia

January, 1979

To: Honorable John N. Dalton, Governor of Virginia

and

The General Assembly of Virginia

Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 16, adopted by the 1978 Session of the General Assembly, the Council formed a committee of twenty-four members to conduct a study of the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities: Del. J. Warren White of Norfolk (Chairman), Sen. Stanley C. Walker of Norfolk (Vice Chairman), Dr. James L. Camp, III of Charlottesville, Mr. Warren B. Crocker of Hampton, Mr. Warner N. Dalhouse of Roanoke, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Dudley of Lynchburg, Mr. Frederic A. Fay of Richmond, Mrs. Sonya Fine of Virginia Beach, Mr. Donald J. Gonzales of Williamsburg, Mrs. Edythe C. Harrison of Norfolk, Mr. Alan J. Hofheimer of Norfolk, Del. Joseph A. Johnson of Abingdon, Mrs. Heloise B. Levit of Richmond, Mrs. Frances A. Lewis of Richmond, Del. Dorothy S. McDiarmid of Vienna, Del. Bonnie L. Paul of Harrisonburg, Mrs. Pamela C. Reynolds of Richmond, Del. William P. Robinson, Sr. of Norfolk, Mrs. Jouett Shouse of Vienna, Mrs. Ulrich Troubetzkoy of Richmond, Mr. Robert W. Wentz, Jr. of Portsmouth, Mr. Norman C. Willcox of Norfolk, Sen. Edward E. Willey of Richmond, and Mrs. Pearl H. Wood of Richmond.

The Council has received from its study committee a majority report and two dissenting reports. Copies of these reports are on file in the office of the Division of Legislative Services. The Council endorses neither the majority report nor either dissenting report. Because of the complexity and controversiality of many of the issues raised during the work of its study committee, the Council finds it to be desirable that the present study be continued for another year. Draft legislation authorizing this continuation is attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.....

Requesting the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council to continue its study of the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities.

WHEREAS, in 1978 the General Assembly requested the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council to undertake a thoroughgoing study of all aspects of the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities, its structure, and programs; and

WHEREAS, the past year's work has produced considerable data from persons and organizations in Virginia familiar with the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities; and

WHEREAS, a truly comprehensive analysis of the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities cannot be produced without an opportunity to question those knowledgeable about Arts programs and governmental arts agencies in other states; and

WHEREAS, the suggestions already made concerning the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities have proven too numerous for full consideration in but one year; and

WHEREAS, during 1978 the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities, by means of a grant to Bravo Arts Education, began an extensive survey of the arts needs and priorities of the Commonwealth, the data from which survey could well generate further recommendations for consideration during the 1980 Session of the General Assembly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council is requested to continue its study of the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities, presenting a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly during the General Assembly's 1980 Session.

