



SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 14.5: NC Arts Council Grants Administration

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Section 14.5 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) prohibits the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (Department) and any organization distributing funds on behalf of the Department from adopting or applying a policy to distribute public funding through the North Carolina Arts Council or the Grassroots Art Program that is based on the racial, ethnic, or cultural identities of a recipient organization's officers or the members of its governing board.

This section became effective July 1, 2026.

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