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From Russ Friday

TITLE I
Arts and Humanities

Sec. 102. (a) (1) Section 7 of the NFAH Act of 1965 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

~~"(f) (1) The Chairman, with the advice of the National Council on the Humanities, is authorized to establish and carry out a program of grants-in-aid to assist volunteer citizens committees on the humanities in the several States in supporting not more than 50 per centum of the cost of adequate programs for the public relating the humanities to the current conditions of national life."~~

(2) In order to receive assistance under this subsection, a Committee shall submit an application for such grants at such time as shall be specified by the Chairman and accompany such applications with a plan which the Chairman finds

- ✓ (A) provides that each state committee annually submits a plan, which, to become eligible for the support of federal funds, must receive the joint approval of the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the governor, or his designee.
- (B) provides that funds released to the Committee under this subsection will be expended solely on programs which carry out the objective of subsection (f);
- ✓ (C) specifically states a membership policy designed to assure broad public representation on the Committee;
- ✓ (D) provides a nomination process which ensures opportunities for nomination to membership on the Committee from a variety of segments of the state's population;
- ✓ (E) provides for rotation of Committee membership and Committee officers on a regular basis;
- ✓ (F) ensures that the Governor and appropriate state agencies, as well as the general public, are provided information annually about the activities of the Committee;
- ✓ (G) provides a plan which ensures public access to information about Committee policies and actions;
- ✓ (H) provides that the Committee will make such reports in such form, and containing such information, as the Chairman may, from time to time, require.

(3) Whenever the Chairman, after reasonable notice and opportunities for hearing, finds that

- ✓ (A) a Committee is not complying substantially with the provisions of this section; or
- ✓ (B) a Committee is not complying substantially with terms and conditions of its plan approved under this section; or

✓(C) any funds granted to a Committee under this section have been diverted from the purposes for which they are allotted or paid.

✓ the Chairman may, on the advice of the National Council on the Humanities, terminate the grant and initiate efforts in consultation with state officials to establish a new Committee in that state."

✓ (b) the amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to fiscal year 1977 and succeeding fiscal years.