



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 919

SENATE BILL NO. 2236

By Norris, Watson, Dickerson, Bowling, Stevens, Yarbro

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1812

By Hawk, Casada, Boyd, Marsh, Johnson, Parkinson, Hardaway, Thompson, Kevin Brooks, Clemmons

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 49 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 50, relative to the Tennessee film, entertainment, and music commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-4902(8), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(8) "Production company" means any person or entity that produces a film, movie, pilot, or show in Tennessee; develops computer-generated imagery or interactive digital media, including audiovisual streaming services, in Tennessee; or produces stand-alone post-production scoring and editing in Tennessee;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-4902(9), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(9) "State-certified production" means a film, movie, pilot, or show; computer-generated imagery or interactive digital media, including audiovisual streaming services; or stand-alone post-production scoring and editing, that meets the criteria established by the commission to receive an incentive grant; and

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-4903(c)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) Moneys in the film/TV fund shall be appropriated and expended to provide incentive grants to production companies for use in producing state-certified productions and may be used by the department to defray the expenses of administering this section, including marketing expenses; provided, however, that the expenses shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total amount appropriated for the program in any fiscal year.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-5002(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) "Entertainment properties" means motion pictures, television programs, computer-generated imagery, interactive digital media, stand-alone post-production scoring and editing, sound recordings, and other audio, video, or audiovisual programs produced for distribution to the public;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-4901, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Visual Content Modernization Act of 2018" and is enacted for the purpose of providing incentive grants that encourage the production of films, movies, television pilots and programs, computer-generated imagery and interactive digital media, and stand-alone post-production scoring and editing in the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 17, 2018


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of May 2018


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR