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Public Act No. 07-227

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 11-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(a) The State Library Board shall consist of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or his designee, the Chief Court Administrator or his designee, the Commissioner of Education or his designee and five electors to be appointed by the Governor for terms of five years from July first in the year of their appointment. The terms of all members appointed prior to July 1, 1987, shall terminate on June 30, 1987. Commencing on July 1, 1987, appointments to the board shall be made as follows: Five members shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be an experienced librarian, one of whom shall be an experienced archivist and one of whom shall be an experienced museum professional; and one member each shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the minority leader of the House. The term of each member of the board commencing on or after July 1, 1987, shall be coterminous with the term of the appointing authority. The appointing authority shall fill any vacancy in the office of an appointed member for the unexpired portion of the term. The

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Chief Justice may designate any judge of the Supreme Court to serve in his place.

(b) The board may elect annually a chairman from its members to serve a term of one year from his election or until his successor is elected. The chairman shall represent the board in certifying such actions as the board may approve. The board shall provide for the supervision of the State Library by a State Librarian who shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the board and shall have administrative authority over the State Library and responsibility for its supervision.

(c) The board shall meet at least once during each calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairman deems necessary or upon the request of a majority of members in office. A majority of the members in office, but not less than four, shall constitute a quorum. Any appointed member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from office.

(d) The State Library Board shall appoint the State Librarian. Except when specifically prohibited by the conditions, if any, upon which a gift was created or by a conditional sales agreement, the board is authorized to sell, trade or otherwise dispose of any unwanted duplicate, out-of-date or irrelevant materials within the collections of the State Library, provided that the monetary proceeds of such a transaction, if any, shall be deemed to be funds from private sources. The State Library Board is authorized to establish a nonprofit foundation for the purpose of raising funds from private sources to enhance the collections and programs of the library and the Raymond E. Baldwin Museum of Connecticut History and Heritage. All funds from private sources shall be held in the manner prescribed by sections 4-37e to 4-37j, inclusive, for use in furthering any purpose the board considers to be in harmony with the original purpose of the gift or

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purchase of such materials. The board shall engage in planning for state-wide library service, other than for school libraries, and for the establishment of a research center to facilitate the most effective use of materials in public, university, professional and industrial libraries and may take such action as is necessary to secure maximum state participation in federal aid for public libraries, for scholarships for students of library science and for cooperative library projects. The board may, by regulation, establish standards for principal public libraries and procedures for naming such libraries and periodically review the same. To carry out its duties under the general statutes, the board may make contracts, subject to the approval of the Attorney General and to any appropriations made for such purpose or the availability of other public or private funds.

(e) The State Library Board shall be within the Department of Education for administrative purposes only.

[(f) The State Library Board shall report biennially to the General Assembly.]

[(g)] (f) (1) The State Library Board shall appoint an advisory council for library planning and development. The council shall assist the board with the development of state and federal library plans, advise the board on state policies and activities for library development, cooperation among different types of libraries and use of automated communication systems to support cooperative information services and assist the board in evaluating the usefulness of such activities to residents of the state.

(2) The council shall consist of the following persons: Three public library representatives, one of whom shall be from a tax-supported public library serving a population of less than ten thousand, one of whom shall be from such a library serving a population of ten thousand or more and less than one hundred thousand and one of

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whom shall be from such a library serving a population of one hundred thousand or more; one representative of a cooperating library service unit; one representative of libraries which participate in shared automated library systems; one representative of the Connecticut Library Association; one special library representative; one representative from the academic library community; one representative from the school library community; one representative of institution libraries; one representative of a library serving the handicapped; one representative from the Department of Education; one representative from the Department of Higher Education; and six users of libraries represented on the council. The State Librarian shall represent the board and shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member. The council shall designate one of its members to serve as a liaison to the board.

(3) Except for members of the council who represent state agencies, nine of the members first appointed shall serve for a term of one year, eight of such members shall serve for a term of two years and thereafter members shall serve for a term of two years. The State Library Board shall determine which of the members first appointed shall serve for a term of one year and which of such members shall serve for a term of two years. Members may serve up to two consecutive terms. After serving such terms, a member may be reappointed after a minimum of one year without service on the council. [be reappointed once.] The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(4) To achieve its purposes, the council may form task forces to address specific library issues. The task forces shall include representatives from the library community and users of libraries who possess expertise in the subject areas addressed by the task forces.

Sec. 2. Section 11-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The State Library shall maintain programs for library development and reader services. The State Librarian shall be the administrative officer of the State Library and shall administer, coordinate and supervise the library. In order to carry out the duties of the State Librarian required by law, the State Librarian may enter into contracts, subject to the approval of the Attorney General and within any available appropriations or other funds available from the public or private sector. The State Librarian shall have the authority to sign contracts approved by the State Library Board in accordance with the policies established by the State Library Board. The State Librarian [, with the approval of the State Library Board,] may appoint members of the staff of the State Library. Members of the staff of the State Library employed in positions requiring graduation from a library school shall be members of the unclassified service. The State Librarian may purchase books and other library resources for the State Library. [such books as the State Library Board directs or authorizes. He] The State Librarian is authorized and directed to distribute copies of the files of each act favorably reported by any committee of the General Assembly and printed in the files to each high school and university in the state, upon request.

Sec. 3. Section 11-9b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

As used in this section and sections 11-9c and 11-9d, as amended by this act:

(a) "State publications" means all publications printed or [published] otherwise produced in tangible form, and all publications produced in electronic or other intangible form, by or under the direction of the state or any officer thereof, or any other agency supported wholly or in part by state funds;

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(b) ["Printed" means all forms of printing and duplicating,] "Publication" means any document issued by a state agency that is available to the public, regardless of format or purpose, including legislatively mandated reports, with the exception of routine correspondence; [and interoffice memoranda;]

(c) "State agency" means every state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board and commission, permanent or temporary in nature, whether legislative, executive or judicial, and any subdivisions of each, including state-supported institutions of higher education;

(d) "Depository library" means the designated library for collecting, maintaining and making available to the general public Connecticut state agency publications.

Sec. 4. Section 11-9c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The State Library shall administer [a Connecticut state publications collection] and provide access to the public, on a permanent basis, to a collection of tangible state publications, and to a digital archive of intangible state publications, and a depository library system. The State Library shall: (1) Establish and administer, with the approval of the State Library Board, such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 11-9b to 11-9d, inclusive, as amended by this act; (2) develop and maintain standards for depository libraries, including ascertaining their geographical distribution, with the approval of the State Library Board; (3) enter into depository contracts with libraries that meet the standards for eligibility established by the State Library; (4) annually advise designated staff in each agency, required by section 11-9d, as amended by this act, of the number of copies of tangible publications needed for distribution; (5) receive from state agencies on or about publication date the specified number of copies of each publication; (6) receive on

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or about publication date, copies of, or notice of existence, availability and location of intangible publications; (7) retain sufficient copies in the Connecticut State Library for preservation, reference and interlibrary loan purposes; [(7) distribute two copies of each publication to the Library of Congress and one copy to an additional national or regional research library designated by the State Library;] (8) distribute copies of tangible publications to depository libraries within the state in accordance with the terms of their depository contracts and to libraries outside the state in accordance with any agreements entered into for the exchange of state publications; [and] (9) publish [periodically, but at least quarterly, and distribute to depository and other libraries in Connecticut, other state libraries, state legislators and state agencies and libraries, upon request, an official indexed list of Connecticut state publications with an annual cumulated index] annually the official list of state publications; and (10) make available a permanent public archive of intangible state publications.

Sec. 5. Section 11-9d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(a) Designated staff in each state agency shall be responsible for [supplying] making the publications of that agency known to the State Library. Each [such] state agency shall notify the State Library of the identity of such designated staff not later than thirty days after October 1, 1977, and upon any change of personnel. Said staff shall supply the State Library annually or upon request with a complete list of the agency's current publications.

(b) Every state agency shall, upon publication, deposit a sufficient number of copies of each of its tangible publications with the State Library to meet the needs of the depository library system.

(c) Every state agency shall, upon publication, supply the State

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Library with, or notify the State Library of the existence, availability and location of its intangible publications.

Sec. 6. Section 11-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

In the absence of any other provision therefor, the management of the public library in any municipality, fire district or incorporated school district which has established such library under the provisions of section 11-20 shall be vested in a board of [directors] trustees, consisting of a number divisible by three to be elected in the manner provided in section 9-207. Such board may make bylaws for its government and shall have exclusive right to expend all money appropriated by such municipality for any such library.

Sec. 7. Section 11-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The officer designated by the [directors or] trustees of any such library shall draw his order on the treasurer of any such municipality for such sums as may be necessary to pay the expense of such library, but such sums shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount appropriated by any such municipality for such library. [Any town clerk may deposit in any such library within his town any books, other than records, placed in his custody.]

Sec. 8. Section 11-23 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The State Librarian, with the approval of the State Library Board, shall give to communities advice and assistance in the organization, establishment and administration of free public libraries, shall extend to the free public libraries, and to the [librarian or] library director of any public library, aid in [selecting and] cataloging books and in library management. [Said librarian is authorized to purchase and

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arrange books and pictures to be loaned to such public libraries, school libraries, associations and individuals and other libraries as said librarian, with the approval of the State Library Board, may select. Said librarian may give advice and assistance to libraries in the correctional and charitable institutions of the state, subject to such rules and regulations as the directors of such institutions may make.]

Sec. 9. Section 11-23a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The State Library Board shall maintain a library service center in the Middlesex County area and in the Windham-Tolland County area, to serve the public libraries and public schools in each of said areas. [The board of directors of each local public library and the board of education of each local public school which desires to receive supplementary library services may designate a representative to serve on an advisory board of governors for the library service center in the area wherein is located such public library or public school.]

Sec. 10. Section 11-24b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(a) [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, and annually thereafter, each] Each principal public library, as defined in section 11-24a, shall be eligible to receive a state grant in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section provided the following requirements are met:

(1) An annual statistical report which includes certification that the grant, when received, shall be used for library purposes is filed with the State Library Board in such manner as the board may require. The report shall include information concerning local library governance, hours of service, type of facilities, library policies, resources, programs and services available, measurement of levels of services provided,

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personnel and fiscal information concerning library receipts and expenditures;

(2) Documents certifying the legal establishment of the principal public library in accordance with the provisions of section 11-20 are filed with the board;

(3) The library is a participating library in the Connecticard program established pursuant to section 11-31b;

(4) The principal public library shall not have had the amount of its annual tax levy or appropriation reduced to an amount which is less than the average amount levied or appropriated for the library [(A) prior to July 1, 1995, for the three fiscal years immediately preceding July 1, 1984, (B) on and after July 1, 1995,] for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the year of the grant, except that if the expenditures of the library in any one year in such three-year period are unusually high as compared with expenditures in the other two years, the library may request an exception to this requirement and the board, upon review of the expenditures for that year, may grant an exception;

(5) State grant funds shall be expended within two years of the date of receipt of such funds. If the funds are not expended in that period, the library shall submit a plan to the State Librarian for the expenditure of any unspent balance;

(6) [Public] Principal public libraries shall [provide access to library materials without charge to] not charge individuals residing in the town in which the library is located or the town in which the contract library is located for borrowing and lending library materials, accessing information, advice and assistance and programs and services which promote literacy; and

(7) [Public] Principal public libraries shall provide equal access to

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library service for all individuals and shall not discriminate upon the basis of age, race, sex, religion, national origin, handicap or place of residency in the town in which the library is located or the town in which the contract library is located.

(b) Within the limits of amounts appropriated, the amount each principal public library shall be eligible to receive [for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, and] annually [thereafter,] as a state grant shall be determined by the State Library Board as follows:

(1) Principal public libraries, as defined in section 11-24a, shall receive a base grant of one thousand two hundred dollars for each fiscal year. [; nonprincipal public libraries, as described in said section, shall receive a base grant of one thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, seven hundred fifty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1986, and five hundred dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987.]

(2) Of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section less the amount distributed as base grants, sixty per cent shall be set aside and paid to principal public libraries pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

(3) Of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section less the amount distributed as base grants, forty per cent shall be set aside and paid to principal public libraries pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(c) The principal public library for each town shall be eligible to receive an equalization grant in an amount determined as follows:

(1) The adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10-261, for all towns in the state shall be ranked from highest to lowest.

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(2) The adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as ranked for all towns in the state from highest to lowest shall be divided into the following four classes: Class A, towns ranked from one to forty-two, inclusive; class B, towns ranked from forty-three to eighty-four, inclusive; class C, towns ranked from eighty-five to one hundred twenty-six, inclusive; and, class D, towns ranked from one hundred twenty-seven to one hundred sixty-nine, inclusive. Funds available for purposes of this subsection pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section shall be distributed among the four classes so that principal public libraries for class B, C, and D towns, respectively, shall receive two times, three times and four times as much on a per capita basis as principal public libraries for class A towns.

(3) Grants to the principal public library for each town shall be determined as follows: Said funds available for purposes of this subsection shall be multiplied by the per cent of funds for each class to determine an appropriation per class; the appropriation per class shall be divided by the total population per class to determine an amount per capita; the grant for the principal public library for each town shall be the town's total population multiplied by the amount per capita. For purposes of this subdivision, "total population" of a town means that enumerated in the [1980] most recent federal decennial census of population.

(d) The principal public library for each town shall be eligible to receive an incentive grant in an amount to be determined as follows:

(1) The State Library Board shall, in such manner as prescribed by the board, determine for each fiscal year, a state-wide average for per capita library expenditures and each town's individual per capita library expenditure based on the annual statistical report filed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The per capita library expenditure of each town shall be ranked

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from highest to lowest and the ranked expenditures shall be divided into the following classes: Class A, towns which meet or exceed the state-wide average for per capita library expenditures; class B, towns which meet seventy-five to ninety-nine per cent, inclusive, of the state-wide average; class C, towns which meet fifty to seventy-four per cent, inclusive, of the state-wide average; and, class D, towns which fall below fifty per cent of the state-wide average. Funds available for purposes of this subsection pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section shall be distributed among the four classes so that principal public libraries for class A and B towns, respectively, shall receive three times and two times as much on a per capita basis as principal public libraries for class C towns.

(3) Grants to the principal public library for each town shall be determined as follows: Said funds available for purposes of this subsection shall be multiplied by the per cent of funds per class to determine an appropriation per class; the appropriation per class shall be divided by the total population per class to determine an amount per capita; the grant for the principal public library for each town shall be the town's total population multiplied by the amount per capita. For purposes of this subdivision, "total population" of a town means that enumerated in the [1980] most recent federal decennial census of population.

(e) Application for grants under this section shall be made to the State Library Board in such form and at such time as the board [shall designate] designates. The grant may be used for general library purposes and no portion of the grant money shall revert to the general fund of the town or towns normally served by such library.

(f) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall make available, upon the request of the State Library Board, such information as is needed by the board to determine grant payments in accordance with the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this

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section.

(g) The State Library Board shall report triennially to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education on the impact of the state grants distributed pursuant to this section.

(h) The State Library Board shall, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 11. Section 11-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

All moneys collected or received in payment for library service contracted for and rendered shall be placed in the treasury of the town, city, borough, fire district or school district for which such service was rendered, to the credit of its library fund. The moneys in such fund shall be kept separate from other moneys and shall be withdrawn only by authorized officials, upon authenticated vouchers of the [directors or] trustees of the public library which provides such service.

Sec. 12. Section 11-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The [directors or] trustees of two or more public libraries may, with the approval of the towns in which such libraries are situated, contract for the merger, in whole or in part, of the facilities of such libraries.

Sec. 13. Section 11-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

Members of the regular staff of any free public library may be transferred to one of its contract libraries, either on a temporary or a permanent basis, without affecting their status on the library payroll or

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their right to promotion, because of any town ordinance or regulation as to residence. The [directors or] trustees of any free public library may employ any person in a branch established in another town than that in which such library is located, without complying with any civil service or residence ordinance of either of such towns; but no such employee shall be transferred to a library within either of such towns which has civil service or residence ordinances.

Sec. 14. Section 11-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

When any city council has decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, the mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the council, appoint a board of nine [directors] trustees. Not more than one member of the city council shall be a member of said board. The [directors] trustees shall, immediately after their appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number as president and by the election of such other officers as they deem necessary. They shall make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for the government of the library and reading room and shall have exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased, given or set apart for that purpose; provided all moneys collected and received for such purpose shall be placed in the treasury of such city, to the credit of its library fund, and shall be kept separate from other moneys of the city and shall be drawn upon by the proper officers of the city, upon duly authenticated vouchers of the [directors] trustees. Such board may purchase, lease or accept grounds, and erect, lease or occupy an appropriate building or buildings, for the use of such library, appoint a [librarian] library director and all necessary assistants and fix their compensation. Any person desiring to make a gift for the benefit of

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such library may vest the title to such donation in the board of [directors] trustees to be held and controlled according to the terms of the gift of such property; and such board shall be special trustee thereof.

Sec. 15. Section 11-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The board of [directors] trustees shall make, on or before the second Monday of June, an annual report to the city council for the year ending the first of June, stating the various sums of money received from the library fund and other sources and how such moneys have been expended; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added, by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of visitors attending; the number of books loaned and the general character of such books, and such other statistics, information and suggestions as it deems of general interest. All such portions of such report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

Sec. 16. Section 11-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

No [director] trustee of any free public library and reading room, established under the provisions of this chapter in any town, city, borough, school district or fire district, shall receive any compensation for any services rendered as such [director] trustee.

Sec. 17. Section 7-110 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(a) [Files of the official] Official publications of the towns, cities and boroughs of the state shall be kept in the State Library for reference. The clerk of each such town, city or borough shall send to the State

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Library two copies of each such tangible publication as soon as [the same is] the publications are published, and copies of such previous issues of such publications as can be spared by such municipality if [the same] the publications are needed by the State Library. [to complete its files.]

(b) The clerk of each town, city or borough shall, upon publication, supply the State Library with, or notify the State Library of the existence, availability, and location of, any intangible publications of the town, city or borough.

Sec. 18. Section 7-148a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

Each town, city and borough in this state shall print and publish all amendments to its ordinances, all new ordinances and all special acts adopted after June 1, 1962, on or before March first of each even-numbered year as a cumulative supplement to the compilation of its ordinances and special acts. Such compilation and all supplements thereto shall be available for sale to the public at the office of the clerk or other similar office in such municipality at a reasonable cost to be determined by such municipality and a copy of each such compilation and supplement, whether tangible or intangible in form, shall be deposited by the clerk of the municipality in the office of the Secretary of the State, in the State Library, in each bar library in the judicial district in which such municipality is located and in the courthouse library of the court nearest to such municipality. If any town, city or borough fails to comply with the provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall provide for the original compilation and publication of such ordinances and special acts or of any supplement thereto and such town, city or borough shall be liable for the cost of such compilation and publication.

Sec. 19. Subsection (g) of section 7-191 of the general statutes is

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(g) Not later than thirty days after the approval by the electors of any proposed charter, charter amendments or home rule ordinance amendments, the town or city clerk shall file, with the Secretary of the State, (1) three certified copies thereof, with the effective date or dates indicated thereon, and (2) in the case of the approval of charter or home rule ordinance amendments, three certified copies of the complete charter or ordinance incorporating such amendments. The Secretary of the State shall distribute two copies, whether tangible or intangible in form, to the State Library, where a file of such charters, charter amendments and home rule ordinance amendments shall be kept for public inspection.

Sec. 20. Section 11-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(a) The libraries established under the provisions of this chapter, and any free public library receiving a state appropriation, shall annually make a report to the State Library Board.

[(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-210, personally identifiable information contained in the circulation records of all public libraries shall be confidential.]

(b) (1) Notwithstanding section 1-210, records maintained by libraries that can be used to identify any library user, or link any user to a library transaction, regardless of format, shall be kept confidential, except that the records may be disclosed to officers, employees and agents of the library, as necessary for operation of the library.

(2) Information contained in such records shall not be released to any third party, except (A) pursuant to a court order, or (B) with the written permission of the library user whose personal information is

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contained in the records.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, "library" includes any library regularly open to the public, whether public or private, maintained by any industrial, commercial or other group or association, or by any governmental agency, but does not include libraries maintained by schools and institutions of higher education.

(4) No provision of this subsection shall be construed to prevent a library from publishing or making available to the public statistical reports regarding library registration and use of library materials, if such reports do not contain personally identifying information.

Sec. 21. Section 11-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

Any town, city, borough, fire district or incorporated school district may, by ordinance, establish a public library and may expend such sums of money as may be necessary to purchase land for a suitable site and to provide and maintain such suitable rooms or buildings as may be necessary for such library or for any library which is the property of any corporation without capital stock or for any public library established in such municipality, provided the use of such library shall be free to its inhabitants under such regulations as its [directors or] trustees prescribe. Any such municipality may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for the establishment, increase or maintenance of any such library within its limits and may retire with a pension or other reward any employee of any such library.

Sec. 22. Section 11-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The city council of any city may establish and maintain a public library and reading room, together with such kindred apartments and facilities as the council approves; and may levy a tax annually on all

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taxable property of the city. Such tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes, and shall be known as the "library fund". Such library and reading room shall be free to the use of the inhabitants of the city, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the board of [directors] trustees may adopt in order to render the use of the library and reading room of the greatest benefit. Such board may exclude from the use of such library and reading room any person who wilfully violates such rules, and may extend its privileges to persons residing in this state outside the city upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe.

Sec. 23. Section 11-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

The city council of such city may pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for damaging the grounds or other property of such library and for damaging or failing to return any book belonging to such library. Each [librarian] library director or board of [directors] trustees, having charge or control of such library or property, shall post in one or more conspicuous places connected therewith a printed copy of this section.

Sec. 24. Section 11-26 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2007*)

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