



House Bill No. 5614

Special Act No. 13-10

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC BOOKS TO USERS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the State Librarian and the Attorney General, shall conduct a study regarding the availability of electronic books to users of public libraries in this state. When conducting the study, said commissioner shall consider information provided by interested third parties, including, but not limited to, authors, representatives of public libraries, book publishers and third-party electronic book distributors.

(b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a survey of whether and how book publishers and third-party electronic book distributors sell, license or otherwise make electronic books available to users of public libraries in this state, (2) what problems, if any, exist with current practices regarding the availability of electronic books to users of public libraries in this state, and (3) recommendations to increase the availability of electronic books to users of public libraries in this state.

(c) Not later than February 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Consumer

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Protection, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection.

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