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House Bill No. 5477

House of Representatives, April 1, 2014

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE PLATFORM FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC BOOKS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 11-1a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2014*):

4 (a) The State Library Board may institute and conduct programs of
5 state-wide library service which may include, but need not be limited
6 to, (1) a cataloging and processing service to be available to libraries,
7 (2) the creation and maintenance of current and retrospective union
8 catalogs of books, union lists of serials and similar cooperative listings
9 of library materials, (3) a program of coordinated acquisitions, storage
10 and deposit of library materials, (4) the support and encouragement of
11 the transfer, as loans or copies, of library materials between libraries
12 and to nonresident library patrons, (5) the provision of suitable high-
13 speed communications facilities, (6) the creation and maintenance of
14 bibliographic and regional reference centers, (7) the provision of

15 traveling collections of library materials and of book examination
16 centers, [and] (8) the provision of a publicity and public relations
17 service for libraries, and (9) the creation and maintenance of a state-
18 wide platform for the distribution of electronic books to public library
19 patrons.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	11-1a(a)

GL *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 or FY 16 \$
Library, CT State	General Obligation Bonds, GF - Potential Cost	2,200,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a potential cost to the state of approximately \$2.2 million. The costs are associated with the creation and maintenance of a platform for the distribution of electronic books by the Connecticut State Library. The costs would include approximately \$1.1 million for computer code writing to create the platform, \$1.0 million for an initial purchase of electronic books and \$100,000 in staff costs to support ongoing maintenance costs (salary and fringe benefits). The operational staffing costs would occur one year following the development of the platform. Costs for the code writing and purchase of electronic books would likely be provided through bond funds. The bill is permissive with regard to the creation of the platform therefore the timing of the fiscal impact is uncertain. Should the project be funded through general obligation bonds there would be out-year debt service costs to the General Fund.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing operational fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5477*****AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE PLATFORM FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC BOOKS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the statewide library service programs that the State Library Board may institute and conduct to include creating and maintaining a statewide platform for distributing electronic books (e-books) to public library patrons.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND***E-Books***

An e-book is a book published in a digital form that is readable on computers or other electronic devices. Libraries allow patrons to download e-books they wish to read using different lending models, which depend on individual distributorship agreements.

State Library Board Programs

The statewide library services programs include:

1. cataloging and processing services to be available to libraries;
2. creating and maintaining current and retrospective union catalogs of books, union lists of serials, and similar cooperative listings of library materials;
3. coordinating, acquiring, storing, and depositing library materials;
4. supporting and encouraging the transfer, as loans or copies, of library materials between libraries and to nonresident library

patrons;

5. providing suitable high-speed communications facilities;
6. creating and maintaining bibliographic and regional reference centers;
7. providing traveling collections of library materials and book examination centers; and
8. providing publicity and public relations service for libraries.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/18/2014)