



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 562

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 397

Senate, April 21, 2022

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LIBRARY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR HAVE OTHER DISABILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 11-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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

15 centers, (8) the provision of a publicity and public relations service for
16 libraries, and (9) the creation and maintenance of a state-wide platform
17 for the distribution of electronic books to public library patrons.

18 (b) The State Library Board shall create and maintain one or more
19 library research centers which shall utilize any appropriate sources of
20 information, both within and outside of the state, to meet the needs of
21 those making inquiries.

22 (c) The State Library Board shall maintain the state's principal law
23 library which shall be located in the State Library and Supreme Court
24 Building. The State Library Board shall distribute state documents,
25 statutes and public acts to the law libraries established pursuant to
26 section 11-10b.

27 (d) The State Library Board shall create and maintain a library service
28 for the blind and other persons with disabilities, as provided for in 2
29 USC Sections 135a, 135a-1 and 135b. The State Library Board shall
30 consult with the advisory board for the blind and physically disabled
31 and the Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
32 commissioner's designee, before taking any action that may diminish or
33 substantively change the library services described in this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	11-1a

APP Joint Favorable Subst.

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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the State Library Board to consult with the Department of Aging and Disability Services and the advisory board for the blind and physically disabled before making certain changes to library services. This has no fiscal impact as the library board is a private, third-party entity.

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Municipal Impact: None

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SUMMARY:

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EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 50 Nay 0