



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 397

February Session, 2022



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 Section 11-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the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

