

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 166

S. P. 77

In Senate, January 24, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Pierce of Kennebec.

Cosponsors: Senators Gill of Cumberland, Trotsky of Penobscot, Minkowsky of Androscoggin.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Strengthen Regional Library Systems.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$350,000	\$350,000
Direct state aid \$.35 per capita		

To be allotted upon the application of the local library unit by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, with the advice of the Maine Library Commission. The local unit shall provide evidence that a financial effort to support library services is being made at a level no less than that of the

previous year's budget. The local unit also shall provide evidence that efforts are being made toward meeting selected minimum standards of the Maine Library Association. Eligibility for this direct state aid shall also include membership in a regional library district and agreement to honor a statewide library card. To the extent possible, additional state aid per capita shall be available to member libraries which provide free public library service to communities with no public libraries or to communities which do not receive direct state aid per capita. When these communities receive public library service from 2 or more district libraries, state aid per capita shall be divided proportionately among the libraries providing the service.

All Other	119,000	119,000
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State Library development

These funds are to be assigned to the State Library to assure such library development as: Statewide film services; minimum quality book resources; adequate regional bookmobile service; support of cooperative library activities among district libraries; and support of regional library services to the blind and physically handicapped.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is needed to support such regional library system activities as: Direct state aid to help local libraries improve service; a statewide library card, to be known as Mainecard; statewide film services; book resources; statewide bookmobile services; cooperative library activities; and large-print and talking books for the blind and physically handicapped.