

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 796

S. P. 271

In Senate, February 13, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cummings of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing Funds for Creating Regional Library Systems.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of \$1,956,830 for the purpose of creating regional library systems. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
1. Direct state aid 35¢ per capita	\$280,000	\$280,000

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 must provide evidence that a financial effort to support library service is being made at a level no less than that of the previous year's budget. The local unit also must provide evidence that efforts are being made to achieve locally-designed goals toward meeting the minimum standards of the Maine Library Association. These goals should be in the form of a written plan for achievement which includes cooperative efforts among libraries within the community and the district during a specific period of time.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF (continued)

2. Regional reference and resource centers 248,415 248,415

These funds are to be allotted to the area reference and resource center by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services on the advice of the Maine Library Commission upon the submission of a written plan which will provide in detail in the ways in which the applicants intend to achieve such goals as:

Inward WATS line, common borrower's card and such other cooperative activities as member libraries may require.

	1973-74	1974-75
3. Audio-visual services	\$150,000	\$150,000

These funds are to be allotted upon the basis of criteria established by the Maine Library Commission upon submission of a written plan which will provide in detail the ways in which applicants intend to achieve their goals.

4. State Library development	300,000	300,000
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These funds are to be assigned to the State Library to assure further development of library services such as:

Consultant service to local units. Audio-visual services. Support interstate cooperation i.e., North Country Libraries Film Coop., centralized cataloging service, increased bookmobile service, development and dissemination of public information concerning library service.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.