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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 183

S. P. 74

In Senate, January 27, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Usher of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Revise the Maine Regional Library System.

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA § 110, sub-§§ 2 and 4, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, are amended to read:

2. **Area reference and resource center.** "Area reference and resource center" means a large public, school or academic library designated by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services and the State Librarian and receiving state aid for the purpose of making its resources and services available ~~without charge~~ to all residents of the district, of providing supplementary library services to local libraries within the district, of coordinating the services of all local libraries within the district which by contract become part of the library district.

4. **District consultant.** "District consultant" means ~~a Maine State Library employee~~ one who acts as a general library consultant to one or more districts.

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA § 112, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

4. **Federal program.** Serve as the State Advisory Council on Libraries and in that capacity give advice and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services with regard to the administration of federal funds, in accordance with the terms thereof, which may now or in the future become available for library purposes.

Sec. 3. 27 MRSA § 114, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

I. Membership. The governing board of each library which has agreed to participate in the district system shall appoint a representative to the district council. The district council shall elect an executive board composed of 9 members and shall distribute this membership among librarians, trustees and lay members. The district executive board shall elect from its number the appropriate officers as needed. The district council shall meet at least twice a year.

Sec. 4. 27 MRSA § 114, sub-§ 2, ¶ E, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 625, § 6, is amended to read:

E. Assist in the development of a comprehensive district plan ~~based upon community plans of service~~;

Sec. 5. 27 MRSA § 117, 1st ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The State Librarian, with the advice of the district council, shall appoint a staff member, or contract with an area reference and resource center, to provide district consultant services to one or more districts as determined by the policies established by the commissioner.

Sec. 6. 27 MRSA § 117, sub-§ 1, ¶ G, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

G. Help evolve a district plan of service.

Sec. 7. 27 MRSA § 119 is enacted to read:

§ 119. Distribution of appropriations

The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services is authorized to distribute on a per capita basis, in support of local library services, moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to reflect textual changes needed to facilitate the proper direction of the Maine Regional Library System.