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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 381

S. P. 140

In Senate, February 10, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cummings of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Revise the Maine Regional Library System Law.

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA § 110, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is 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.

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

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Sec. 3. 27 MRSA, § 114, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. 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, in total, 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. 626, § 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, first ¶, 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. PL 1973, c. 626, § 7, first ¶ after the caption "EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF" is amended to read:

1. Direct state aid at
no less than 10¢ per capita \$80,000 \$80,000

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~~

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.