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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-359)  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

"A"  
HOUSE AMENDMENT to S.P. 462, L.D. 1585, Bill, "AN ACT in  
Support of Regional Library Systems."

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out under the  
caption "EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF" all  
of that part designated "1. Direct state aid 25¢ per capita" and  
inserting in its place the following:

1. Direct state aid per capita \$145,000 \$145,000

A. Ten cents per capita shall

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 the minimum standards of  
the Maine Library Association; or

B. Twenty-five cents per capita shall

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 the 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 the library cards of other members of the regional systems or a statewide library card, should such a card be issued. 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. When such communities with no public libraries receive public library service from 2 or more district libraries, such state aid per capita shall be divided equally among the libraries providing the service. A library unable to benefit from direct state aid per capita may become a member of a regional library district and be entitled to all other benefits thereof.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will ensure that all those libraries not now <sup>a</sup> members of regional library district will continue to receive per capita state aid of 10¢ as they have in the past. Sufficient funding to accomplish this is included in the Part I budget. An estimated 100 small libraries across the State would otherwise lose their per capita state aid.

Filed by Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell.

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