

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 864

S. P. 308

In Senate, February 17, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

Cosponsors: Representative K. Brown of Bethel, Senator Perkins of Hancock and Representative Post of Owl's Head.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT in Support of Regional Library Systems.

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

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

1. Direct state aid; 10¢ per capita.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,

DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

1981-82

\$93,000

1982-83

\$93,000

To be allocated 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 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. 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 proportionally among the libraries providing the services.

2. Regional reference and resource centers.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

1981-82
\$195,000

1982-83
\$195,000

These funds are to be allocated to designated area reference and resource centers by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, with the advice of the Maine Library Commission. This financial support is based on written plans and reports detailing the ways by which the area reference and resource centers intend to achieve such goals as direct free access to district residents, WATS service to member libraries, interlibrary loan service, reference service and such other cooperative activities as member libraries may need.

TOTAL EDUCATION AND CULTURAL
SERVICES,

DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

\$288,000

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill appropriates \$288,000 in each of the next 2 fiscal years. This bill is needed to support such regional library system activities as: Area reference and resource centers and direct state aid to help local libraries improve service.