

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1431, L.D. 1995, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Library Resource Sharing and for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

**Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §112, sub-§3,** as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2, §102, is amended to read:

**3. Review.** Act, on written request by any interested library, as an appeals board concerning decisions of the State Librarian regarding the items in subsection 2. The written request for a hearing must be filed within 30 days from the date of the decision; and

**Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §112, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. B, §28, is further amended to read:

**4. Federal program.** Serve as the State Advisory Council on Libraries and in that capacity give advice and make recommendations to the State Librarian 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; and

**Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §112, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**5. Report.** Provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 15th of each year that describes the disbursements made to support public libraries and library resource sharing during the previous fiscal year.

**Sec. 4. Nonlapsing fund.** Any unencumbered balance of General Fund appropriations remaining at the end of any fiscal year in the Library Resource Sharing and Support program may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the same purposes.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

**MAINE STATE LIBRARY**

**Library Resource Sharing  
and Support**

All Other \$1,200,000

Provides funds to support public libraries and to help fund library resource sharing. As provided in section 4 of this Act, these funds are nonlapsing.

**Reader and Information  
Services - Library**

All Other 200,000

Provides funds to increase the Maine State Library's acquisition budget for the purchase of library materials.

**MAINE STATE LIBRARY  
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

\$1,400,000'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1998-99**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund \$1,400,000

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Maine State Library which includes a nonlapsing appropriation of \$1,200,000 to support public libraries and fund library resource sharing and \$200,000 to increase the Maine State Library's acquisition budget.

The additional costs associated with providing an annual report to the Legislature can be absorbed by the Maine State Library utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

**SUMMARY**

This is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

This amendment establishes a nonlapsing account within the Maine State Library designed to provide support for public libraries and to foster and help fund library resource sharing. It provides a General Fund appropriation of \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 as the initial funding year. It requires the State Library Commission to report annually on disbursements made to public libraries from the account.

The amendment provides a General Fund appropriation to increase the Maine State Library's acquisition budget by \$200,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 1998-99.

The amendment also removes the emergency status and adds a fiscal note to the bill.