

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 577

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the public school library media and technology act.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 170.212, to read as follows:

**170.212. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Public School Library Media and Technology Act".**

**2. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:**

**(1) "Information specialist", a person whose job function is to:**

**(a) Provide resources available to patrons through a systematically developed collection within the school or school district and through access to resources outside the school or school district;**

**(b) Provide assistance to patrons in identifying, locating, and interpreting information housed in and outside the library media center;**

**(c) Provide learning opportunities related to new technologies and the use and production of a variety of media formats; and**

**(d) Provide instruction in the use of the library media center;**

**(2) "Instructional consultant", a person whose job function is to:**

**(a) Participate in building district, department, and grade level curriculum development and assessment projects;**

**(b) Provide professional development in new and emerging technologies, use of appropriate technologies, incorporation of technology into the instructional program, and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 the laws and policies pertaining to the use and communication of ideas and information,  
19 including copyright law; and

20 (c) Keep patrons informed of new acquisitions of software and hardware and  
21 instruct patrons in their optimal use;

22 (3) "Library", any facility, room, or building that contains a collection of reference  
23 materials and books available to students and staff in electronic format or any other  
24 format and that circulates reference materials or books among students and staff;

25 (4) "Library media services program", a program of information and media  
26 services in schools delivered by a library media specialist;

27 (5) "Library media specialist", a person whose job includes duties as an  
28 information specialist, an instructional consultant, and a teacher of information and  
29 technology skills;

30 (6) "Teacher of information and technology skills", a person whose job function  
31 is to:

32 (a) Provide assistance in the use of technology to access information and networks  
33 that will enhance access to resources;

34 (b) Develop and implement a plan that ensures skills are taught in a logical  
35 sequence for students in kindergarten through grade twelve;

36 (c) Provide expertise and instruction in the use of electronic retrieval systems, such  
37 as electronic card catalog and computer-generated bibliographies; and

38 (d) Provide instruction in the use of the library media center.

39 3. Any school or school district that has a library shall have a library media services  
40 program.

41 4. (1) Only trained and certified library media service program personnel shall be  
42 assigned to carry out duties of the library media specialist.

43 (2) Library media clerks may carry out clerical duties supervised by the library  
44 media specialist.

45 5. Duties shall not be assigned outside the library media center for the library  
46 media specialist that interfere with library media center responsibilities.

47 6. (1) One-third of the library media specialist's time shall be spent on  
48 administrative tasks such as ordering of books and materials; processing items for usage;  
49 financial planning and accountability; organizing, directing, and evaluating the library  
50 media program; and other management duties.

51 (2) Two-thirds of the library media specialist's time shall be spent as an  
52 information specialist, an instructional consultant, and a teacher of information and  
53 technology skills.

54           **7. Class size for any class instructed by a library media specialist shall comply with**  
55 **the standards for class size set forth under the Missouri school improvement program.**

56           **8. A library media services program shall have equipment or personnel available**  
57 **for the developmentally appropriate production of a wide range of media for students and**  
58 **faculty.**

59           **9. (1) Library media centers shall have written policies to establish guidelines for**  
60 **the selection, removal, and retention of materials.**

61           **(2) Any school district in which a library media center is located shall have a**  
62 **written policy for addressing challenged materials.**

63           **10. A library media services program shall provide resources that contribute to**  
64 **lifelong learning, while accommodating a wide range of differences in instructional**  
65 **methods, interests, and capabilities.**

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