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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO LIBRARIES-REFERENCE RESOURCE CENTERS

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Miller, McCaffrey, DeVall, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: January 19, 2011

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 29-6-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 29-6 entitled "State Aid to
2 Libraries" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **29-6-9. Rhode Island library network.** -- (a) In order to provide each individual in
4 Rhode Island with equal opportunity of access to resources that will satisfy their and society's
5 information needs and interests, office of library and information services is hereby authorized to
6 establish a Rhode Island Library network, hereafter referred to as the library of Rhode Island
7 network (LORI), to be administered by the office of library and information services for the
8 purpose of maintaining, promoting, and developing a program of statewide resource sharing and
9 interlibrary cooperation. The office of library and information services shall include as part of its
10 budget a budget for the administration and operation of the Rhode Island library network to:

11 (1) Provide central support services for the library of Rhode Island, such as delivery of
12 materials, telecommunications, consultant services, resource sharing and access to bibliographic
13 and other information sources;

14 (2) Reimburse libraries for the actual cost of providing services to individuals outside the
15 library's primary clientele; and

16 (3) Support the development, maintenance of, and access to the resource sharing
17 potential embodied in specialized collections and services at the Providence public library and
18 other libraries which can be provided most cost-effectively on a statewide basis.

19 (b) By fiscal year 2000, the state shall provide from state and federal revenue sources

1 one hundred percent (100%) of the funding for the following statewide library services:

2 (1) Reference resource center ~~at the Providence public library~~ located in a public library
3 to be chosen yearly by the Office of Library Information Services from requests for proposals
4 submitted by library systems annually;

5 (2) Interlibrary delivery system;

6 (3) Interlibrary telecommunications system;

7 (4) Electronic interlibrary loan system; and

8 (5) Statewide catalog of all library holdings.

9 (6) [Deleted by P.L. 1996, ch. 100, art. 29, section 1.]

10 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), the funding for the statewide
11 library catalog and the statewide access to databases shall be subject to appropriation by the
12 general assembly. The duty imposed upon the office of state library and information services to
13 create and maintain a statewide library catalog and provide statewide access to databases shall be
14 subject to appropriation by the general assembly.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide for the location of the reference resource center to be chosen
- 2 yearly from requests for proposals submitted to library systems annually.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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