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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022**

**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,991,049 TO FUND LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES**

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Picard, Zurier, Cano, Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Murray, and Quezada

Date Introduced: February 15, 2022

Referred To: Senate Finance

1           WHEREAS, Section 29-6-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws directs the General  
2 Assembly to appropriate such sums as appropriate to fund and support local public libraries; and

3           WHEREAS, Section 29-6-2 states "For each city or town, the state's share to support  
4 local public library services shall be equal to at least twenty-five percent (25%)" of the prior  
5 year's local appropriation except as limited by the size of the endowment; and

6           WHEREAS, The General Assembly appropriated twenty-five percent for several years  
7 but has failed to do so in recent years; and

8           WHEREAS, A full appropriation is beneficial to support local library services; and

9           WHEREAS, Many of the affected cities and towns face ongoing fiscal difficulties; now,  
10 therefore be it

11           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
12 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of ten million nine hundred ninety-  
13 nine thousand and forty-nine dollars (\$10,991,049) to fund local library services; and the state  
14 controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the  
15 payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of  
16 properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$10,991,049 to support
- 2 local public library services.

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