

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-4776/1	Introduction Number	AB-0641	Estimate Type	Original
Description parental notification related to public library materials					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

According to the Legislative Reference Bureau's analysis of this bill: under current law, subject to various exceptions, library records that identify who borrow or uses a library material may not be disclosed. One exception under current law requires that, upon request of the custodial parent or guardian, a library supported by public funds must disclose to the custodial parent or guardian of a child who is under the age of 16 all library records relating to the use of the library's documents or other materials, resources, or services by the child.

This bill requires public libraries to develop and implement a policy under which the custodial parent or guardian of a child who is under the age of 16 is notified of any materials the child borrows from a public library as soon as is practicable, but no later than 24 hours after the checkout. Additionally, the bill requires public libraries to post a notice of the library's parental notification policy in a prominent place in the library, as well as on the library's website if the public library maintains a website.

Local impact: Indeterminate

It is currently unknown what existing infrastructure libraries have to provide notification to custodial parents or guardians. This would require potentially building software in order to come into compliance with this bill. These increased administrative costs are indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

This would increase administrative costs for libraries.