

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 394

Approved June 9, 1993

RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly enact House Bill 93-H 5042 and Senate Bill 93-S 0304 entitled: "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AID TO LIBRARIES".

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED
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IN CITY COUNCIL

FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

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Councilwoman Nolan & Councilwoman Di Ruzzo

93-H 5042

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1993

A N A C T

RELATING TO STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

93-H 5042

Introduced By: Reps. Lauzon and MartineauDate Introduced: January 13, 1993Referred To: Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. CHAPTER 29-6 OF THE GENERAL LAWS ENTITLED "STATE AID
2 TO LIBRARIES" IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING THERETO THE FOLLOWING
3 SECTION:

4 29-6-2.1. Equalization grants. -- For each city or town for
5 which the ability to pay for local services falls below the median
6 ability to pay for local services of all Rhode Island cities and
7 towns, the state shall pay an additional share to support local public
8 library services. Each city and town's relative ability to pay for
9 local services shall be determined by comparing its adjusted equalized
10 weighted assessed valuation as prescribed by section 16-7-21(c) on a
11 per capita basis according to the current decennial census to the
12 median adjusted equalized weighted assessed valuation on a per capita
13 basis for all cities and towns. Each city and town's equalization
14 grant shall be based on its relative ability to pay and its popu-
15 lation.

16 SECTION 2. Section 29-6-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 29-6
17 entitled "State Aid to Libraries" is hereby amended to read as fol-

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1 lows:

2 29-6-3. State aid eligibility requirements -- Municipalities. --

3 To qualify for state aid under sections 29-6-2 and 29-6-2.1 of this
4 chapter, a city or town shall:

5 (A) * * *

6 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

1 This act would provide additional state aid for public
2 library services for those cities and towns whose ability to pay
3 for local services falls below the median ability of all cities
4 and towns.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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ES310

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

93-S 304

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1993

A N A C T

RELATING TO STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

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S 0304

Introduced By: Senators O'Leary and
Perry

Date Introduced: February 9, 1993

Referred To: Senate Committee on
Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 29-6 of the General Laws entitled "State Aid
2 to Libraries" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 section:

4 29-6-2.1. Equalization grants. -- For each city or town for
5 which the ability to pay for local services falls below the median
6 ability to pay for local services of all Rhode Island cities and
7 towns, the state shall pay an additional share to support local public
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17 entitled "State Aid to Libraries" is hereby amended to read as fol-

1 lows:

2 29-6-3. State aid eligibility requirements -- Municipalities. --

3 To qualify for state aid under sections 29-6-2 and 29-6-2.1 of this
4 chapter, a city or town shall:

5 (A) Appropriate from local tax revenues an amount not less than
6 the amount appropriated the previous year from local tax revenues and
7 expended for library operating expenses. The appropriation would
8 exclude any state funds received for public library services.

9 (B) Any funds received from the state shall not be used to sup-
10 plant funds from local tax revenues.

11 (C) In the case of a city or town having more than one free
12 public library therein, submit or cause to be submitted to the depart-
13 ment of state library services a plan for the allotment or division of
14 the proposed state aid among the free public libraries in said city or
15 town.

16 The plan shall be developed by agreement among the free public
17 libraries of the city or town.

18 (D) Submit or cause to be submitted to the department of state
19 library services evidence that free public libraries in said city or
20 town meet standards of service as set forth in regulations to be made
21 by said director of state library services pursuant to the provisions
22 of chapter 3.1 of title 29 or that such regulations are inappropriate
23 for that library.

24 (E) Submit or cause to be submitted a plan describing how the
25 public library or libraries plan to address one or more of the prior-
26 ities established by the department of state library services.

27 The director of state library services upon application and for
28 cause shown may authorize an annual grant-in-aid under section 29-6-2
29 of this chapter, or a portion thereof, to a city or town not fully
30 meeting the requirements set forth in paragraphs (A), (B), (C) and (D)
31 above.

32 Decisions as to the eligibility of cities and towns for grants-
33 in-aid under this chapter, and the amounts of such grants-in-aid,

1 shall be made by the director of state library services.

2 (F) The director of the department of state library services
3 shall require a preservation plan from any public library which
4 receives an appropriation from the state of Rhode Island which states
5 the preservation needs and objectives of the library for the coming
6 fiscal year. The plan shall include, but not be limited to: condition
7 of materials, assessment of building and environmental controls, and
8 preservation measures to be taken.

9 (G) The director of the department of state library services
10 shall require a disaster preparedness plan from any public library
11 which receives an appropriation from the state of Rhode Island which
12 states the plan of action to be taken in the event of a natural or man
13 made disaster. The plan shall be in accordance with a suggested plan
14 published by the department. The plan shall be submitted no later
15 than January 1, 1993 and shall be updated yearly.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 1994.

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