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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- OFFICE OF STATE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION
SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Finn, Ruggiero, Hearn, and Casey

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 29-3.1 of the General Laws entitled "Office of State Library and
2 Information Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **29-3.1-14. Library assistance grants.** – (a) Subject to availability of appropriations from
4 the legislature, the chief of library services upon the recommendation of the library board of
5 Rhode Island shall provide library assistance grants to assist in funding library operations,
6 enhancing library collections and interlibrary cooperation (including offsetting the costs of
7 loaning library materials to other libraries in Rhode Island for use by Rhode Island residents or
8 students).

9 (b) The library board shall develop a formula for eligibility determination and distribution
10 of library assistance grants based in part on participation in interlibrary cooperation.

11 (c) The library board shall develop procedures for application for library assistance grants
12 and distribute information relating to said grants to all eligible libraries.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would provide for library assistance grants to assist in funding library operations,
- 2 enhancing library collections and aiding interlibrary cooperation.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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