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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

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

Date Introduced: February 15, 2022

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **29-6-2. Public library services.**

4 For each city or town, the state's share to support local public library services shall be equal
5 to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of both the amount appropriated and expended in the second
6 preceding fiscal year by the city or town from local tax revenues and funds from the public library's
7 private endowment that supplement the municipal appropriation; ~~provided, however, the state in~~
8 ~~any year shall not be obligated to match any amount from the endowment that exceeds six percent~~
9 ~~(6%) of the three year (3) average market value, calculated at the end of the calendar year, of the~~
10 ~~investments in the endowment. The amount of the grant payable to each municipality in any year~~
11 ~~in accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total of those~~
12 ~~grants in any year exceeds the amount appropriated that year for the purposes of this section.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the state to contribute twenty-five percent (25%) of the municipal
2 funding level for public library services.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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