

House File 399 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 113)

(COMPANION TO SF 213 BY COMMITTEE
ON STATE GOVERNMENT)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to library services provided by the department of
2 administrative services.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 7A.3, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
2 2025, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 Sec. 2. Section 8A.202, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code 2025,
4 is amended by striking the paragraph.

5 Sec. 3. Section 8A.202, subsection 1, paragraph k, Code 2025,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 k. Establish and administer standards for ~~state agency~~
8 ~~libraries and~~ public libraries.

9 Sec. 4. Section 8A.204, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2025,
10 is amended by striking the paragraph.

11 Sec. 5. Section 8A.209, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 1. An enrich Iowa program is established in the department to
14 provide direct state assistance to public libraries, to support
15 the open access and ~~access plus~~ interlibrary loan programs, to
16 provide public libraries with an incentive to improve library
17 services that are in compliance with performance measures, and
18 to reduce inequities among communities in the delivery of library
19 services based on performance measures adopted by rule by the
20 department. The department shall adopt rules governing the
21 allocation of moneys appropriated by the general assembly for
22 purposes of this section to provide direct state assistance to
23 eligible public libraries. A public library is eligible for
24 moneys under this subchapter if it is in compliance with the
25 department's performance measures.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill relates to library services provided by the
30 department of administrative services (DAS).

31 The bill eliminates the requirement that the state librarian
32 submit a biennial report to the governor on the activities of
33 DAS relating to library services. As the eliminated provision
34 contains the only biennial report in the Code for the state
35 librarian, the bill also strikes a corresponding provision

1 applying general biennial reporting requirements to the state
2 librarian. Under Code section 8E.210, DAS is still obligated to
3 prepare reports of its progress in meeting goals from its agency
4 strategic plan and operational plan.

5 The bill strikes the requirement that DAS develop and approve
6 a biennial unified plan of service and service delivery for DAS
7 as part of DAS's library services.

8 The bill strikes DAS's obligation to establish and administer
9 standards for state agency libraries.

10 The bill eliminates a reference to "access plus programs"
11 of public libraries for purposes of DAS's duty to support such
12 programs under the enrich Iowa program, and substitutes the term
13 "interlibrary loan programs" for such purposes.

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