

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Library System Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 1 and 3 and by adding Section 8.7 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 10/1) (from Ch. 81, par. 111)

7 Sec. 1. Because the state has a financial responsibility  
8 in promoting public education, and because the public library  
9 is a vital agency serving all levels of the educational  
10 process, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to  
11 encourage the improvement of free public libraries and to  
12 encourage cooperation among all types of libraries in  
13 promoting the sharing of library resources, including digital  
14 resources. In keeping with this policy, provision is hereby  
15 made for a program of state grants designed to establish,  
16 develop and operate a network of library systems covering the  
17 entire state.

18 It is further declared to be the policy of the State to  
19 encourage and protect the freedom of libraries and library  
20 systems to acquire materials without external limitation and  
21 to be protected against attempts to ban, remove, or otherwise  
22 restrict access to books or other materials.

23 (Source: P.A. 83-411.)

1 (75 ILCS 10/3) (from Ch. 81, par. 113)

2 Sec. 3. The State Librarian and the Illinois State Library  
3 ~~his~~ staff shall administer the provisions of this Act and  
4 shall prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary to  
5 carry the provisions of this Act into effect.

6 The rules and regulations established by the State  
7 Librarian for the administration of this Act shall be designed  
8 to achieve the following standards and objectives:

9 A provide library service for every citizen in the state  
10 by extending library facilities to areas not now served.

11 B provide library materials for student needs at every  
12 educational level.

13 C provide adequate library materials to satisfy the  
14 reference and research needs of the people of this state.

15 D provide an adequate staff of professionally trained  
16 librarians for the state.

17 E adopt the American Library Association's Library Bill of  
18 Rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or  
19 removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or, in  
20 the alternative, develop a written statement declaring the  
21 inherent authority of the library or library system to provide  
22 an adequate collection ~~stock~~ of books and other materials  
23 sufficient in size and varied in kind and subject matter to  
24 satisfy the library needs of the people of this state and  
25 prohibit the practice of banning specific books or resources.

1 F provide adequate library outlets and facilities  
2 convenient in time and place to serve the people of this state.

3 G encourage existing and new libraries to develop library  
4 systems serving a sufficiently large population to support  
5 adequate library service at reasonable cost.

6 H foster the economic and efficient utilization of public  
7 funds.

8 I promote the full utilization of local pride,  
9 responsibility, initiative and support of library service and  
10 at the same time employ state aid as a supplement to local  
11 support.

12 The Advisory Committee of the Illinois State Library shall  
13 confer with, advise and make recommendations to the State  
14 Librarian regarding any matter under this Act and particularly  
15 with reference to the formation of library systems.

16 (Source: Laws 1965, p. 3077.)

17 (75 ILCS 10/8.7 new)

18 Sec. 8.7. State grants; book banning. In order to be  
19 eligible for State grants, a library or library system shall  
20 adopt the American Library Association's Library Bill of  
21 Rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or  
22 removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or, in  
23 the alternative, develop a written statement prohibiting the  
24 practice of banning books or other materials within the  
25 library or library system.