

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 40:33-19

(County libraries--  
appropriate for second  
level services--eliminate  
statutory ceiling)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 240

Bill No: S2595

Sponsor(s): Brown, Foran and Ewing

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Committee: Assembly: Education

Senate: Education

Amended during passage: No

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Senate: May 13, 1985

Date of Approval: July 17, 1985

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee statement: Assembly Yes

Senate Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: ~~No~~ Yes.

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

See newspaper clippings--attached:

(OVER)

"Morris officials propose plan..." 1-6-85 Dover Advance.

"Library services supported by taxes," 1-3-85 Denville Citizen.

"Council supports Senate library funding plan," 2-21-85 Mendham Observer.

"Bill lifts limit on library spending," 6-28-85 Morristown Daily Record.

SENATE, No. 2595

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 8, 1985

By Senators BROWN, FORAN and EWING

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning funding for certain county library services and amending P. L. 1977, c. 300.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

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2 read as follows:

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4 county library pursuant to the provisions of this act and annually  
5 thereafter, the board of chosen freeholders shall determine a sum  
6 sufficient for the maintenance of first and second level services at  
7 the county library. The sum to be raised for first level services  
8 shall be certified by the board of chosen freeholders to the county  
9 board of taxation, which shall apportion such amount among the  
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19 such appropriation shall not be greater than the difference between  
20 the total State aid that the county library receives in the prebudget  
21 year pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:74-4 and the product of .0000718  
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23 tioned for the prebudget year**]**.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION**—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

## STATEMENT

This bill would eliminate the existing statutory ceiling on county appropriations for second level library services provided pursuant to P. L. 1977, c. 300 (C. 40:33-15 et seq.). Secondary library services, available countywide, include such services as inter-library loans, in-library use of materials, reference and reading guidance and coordination of cooperative countywide services. These services are supported by general county revenues, but are currently limited by section 5 of P. L. 1977, c. 300 (C. 40:33-19) to not more than the difference between the total amount of State aid received by the county library in the prebudget year pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:74-4 and the product of .0000718 and the net valuation on which county taxes are apportioned for that year.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2595**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 17, 1985

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BACKGROUND:

This bill would amend P. L. 1977, c. 300 (C. 40:33-15 et seq.), enacted to reorganize the Morris county library system. Morris is the only county library system to be so governed by State law.

Pursuant to that law, first level services are services which are co-extensive with those provided by municipal libraries, private libraries and reading rooms serving the public and established pursuant to chapter 54 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes. These include such traditional services as over-the-counter borrowing, storytelling, and book-mobile programs and material acquisition and processing. Each municipality which provides first level service assumes responsibility for financing this service through the local property tax.

Second level services are specialized supplementary services which are available to all county residents and to other libraries within the county to assist and strengthen those libraries. Examples of second level services include inter-library loan, in-library use of materials, and coordination of cooperative and county-wide services.

The waiver of the statutory limit on funding of second level services would facilitate the development of an automated information system drawing the county library, county college, and the municipal libraries into one unified data base with the Morris County Free Library at the center of this network.

The committee favorably reports this bill.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2595**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 2, 1985

This bill would eliminate the existing statutory ceiling on county appropriations for second level library services provided pursuant to P. L. 1977, c. 300 (C. 40:33-15 et seq.). These services are supported by general county revenues, but that support is currently limited to not more than the difference between the total amount of State aid received by the county library in the prebudget year pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:74-4 and the product of .0000718 and the net valuation on which county taxes are apportioned for that year.

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Other bills signed by the Governor include:

A-836, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas Paterniti, D-Middlesex, to require the State to assume fiscal responsibility for children in State residential facilities whose school district of residence is not in the State or cannot be determined.

A-2625, sponsored by Assemblyman Wayne Bryant, D-Camden, to permit a casino in Atlantic City to cash a check issued by another casino.

A-3037, sponsored by Assemblyman Jack Penn, R-Somerset, to delete the exception from the bus driver license statute which permits a person to operate a bus used for interstate transportation of passengers without a bus driver's license.

S-2617, sponsored by Senator Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, to provide for the disposal of armories in Paterson and Elizabeth, both of which have been designated as surplus State property. Both armories have already been sold --- Paterson for \$225,000 and Elizabeth for \$550,000 --- but the legislation was necessary to consummate the agreements of sale.

S-2595, sponsored by Senator Leanna Brown, R-Morris, to eliminate the statutory ceiling on county appropriations for second level library services.

S-947, sponsored by Senator John Russo, D-Ocean, to repeal statutes dealing with the duties and powers of the board of fire and police commissioners, statutes found to be unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

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