



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 397***

LCO No. 1282



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT CONCERNING LIBRARY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR HAVE OTHER DISABILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 11-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) The State Library Board may institute and conduct programs of  
4 state-wide library service which may include, but need not be limited  
5 to, (1) a cataloging and processing service to be available to libraries, (2)  
6 the creation and maintenance of current and retrospective union  
7 catalogs of books, union lists of serials and similar cooperative listings  
8 of library materials, (3) a program of coordinated acquisitions, storage  
9 and deposit of library materials, (4) the support and encouragement of  
10 the transfer, as loans or copies, of library materials between libraries and  
11 to nonresident library patrons, (5) the provision of suitable high-speed  
12 communications facilities, (6) the creation and maintenance of  
13 bibliographic and regional reference centers, (7) the provision of  
14 traveling collections of library materials and of book examination  
15 centers, (8) the provision of a publicity and public relations service for

16 libraries, and (9) the creation and maintenance of a state-wide platform  
17 for the distribution of electronic books to public library patrons.

18 (b) The State Library Board shall create and maintain one or more  
19 library research centers which shall utilize any appropriate sources of  
20 information, both within and outside of the state, to meet the needs of  
21 those making inquiries.

22 (c) The State Library Board shall maintain the state's principal law  
23 library which shall be located in the State Library and Supreme Court  
24 Building. The State Library Board shall distribute state documents,  
25 statutes and public acts to the law libraries established pursuant to  
26 section 11-10b.

27 [(d) The State Library Board shall create and maintain a library  
28 service for the blind and other persons with disabilities, as provided for  
29 in 2 USC Sections 135a, 135a-1 and 135b.]

30 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) There shall be a state library  
31 service for persons who are blind or visually impaired or have other  
32 disabilities, as provided in 2 USC Sections 135a, 135a-1 and 135b. The  
33 library service shall be within the Department of Aging and Disability  
34 Services and the department shall maintain the service.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	11-1a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Aging and Disability Services to maintain the library service for persons who are blind, visually impaired or have other disabilities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*