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| General Assembly | ***Raised Bill No. 397*** |
| ***February Session, 2022*** | LCO No. **1282** |
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| 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 Section 11-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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1. libraries, and (9) the creation and maintenance of a state-wide platform
2. for the distribution of electronic books to public library patrons.
3. (b) The State Library Board shall create and maintain one or more
4. library research centers which shall utilize any appropriate sources of
5. information, both within and outside of the state, to meet the needs of
6. those making inquiries.
7. (c) The State Library Board shall maintain the state's principal law
8. library which shall be located in the State Library and Supreme Court
9. Building. The State Library Board shall distribute state documents,
10. statutes and public acts to the law libraries established pursuant to
11. section 11-10b.
12. **[**(d) The State Library Board shall create and maintain a library
13. service for the blind and other persons with disabilities, as provided for
14. in 2 USC Sections 135a, 135a-1 and 135b.**]**
15. Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) There shall be a state library
16. service for persons who are blind or visually impaired or have other
17. disabilities, as provided in 2 USC Sections 135a, 135a-1 and 135b. The
18. library service shall be within the Department of Aging and Disability
19. Services and the department shall maintain the service.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
| Section 1 | *July 1, 2022* | 11-1a |
| Sec. 2 | *July 1, 2022* | 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.]***

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