

H. B. 2919

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Committee on Government Organization then Finance.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §10-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Library Commission; and requiring the Library Commission to survey the libraries of the state and develop a ten year plan for construction and maintenance of public libraries.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §10-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

§10-1-20. Aid to libraries by Library Commission.

The West Virginia Library Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to may render such aid and assistance, financial, advisory and/or otherwise, to public, school, county, or regional libraries, whether established or maintained by said Library Commission or not, under such conditions and rules ~~and regulations~~ as the said commission ~~deems~~ determines necessary to further the interests of the state and best increase the efficiency of the service it is expected to render the

1 public, and for this purpose the Library Commission shall survey the libraries of the state and in
2 consultation with these libraries and other interested parties, the Library Commission shall develop
3 a ten year plan for construction and maintenance of public libraries in the state.

4 Having determined that the development and support of such libraries will further the
5 education of the people of the state as a whole and will thereby aid in the discharge of the
6 responsibility of the state to encourage and foster education, the West Virginia Library Commission
7 ~~is authorized and empowered to~~ may pay over and contribute to any board of library directors created
8 and maintained pursuant to the provisions of this article or any special act of the Legislature such
9 sum or sums of money as may be available from funds included in appropriations made for the West
10 Virginia Library Commission for ~~such~~ that purpose. The amount of any such payment or
11 contribution by the commission to any such local library board of directors shall be determined in
12 accordance with rules ~~and regulations~~ promulgated by the commission. The Library Commission
13 ~~shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations~~ may propose rules for legislative approval
14 in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of the code governing the manner in which
15 such amount or amounts of money shall be accounted for and expended.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the West Virginia Library Commission to survey the libraries of the state and develop a ten year plan for construction and maintenance of public libraries.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.