

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Education to which was referred Senate Bill No. 232
3 entitled “An act relating to public libraries and the Department of Libraries”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 4, 16 V.S.A. § 4014, following the section heading, by
7 striking out the ellipses and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 (a) The Secretary may grant funds for voluntary early education programs.
9 The funds may be used for personnel costs, training of parents and staff,
10 materials and educational equipment, and other costs related to early education
11 programs, including training for public library staff.

12 Second: By striking out Sec. 5, 22 V.S.A. § 605, in its entirety and
13 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 5. 22 V.S.A. § 605 is amended to read:

15 § 605. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

16 LIBRARIES

17 The duties and functions of the Department of Libraries shall be to provide,
18 administer, and maintain:

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20 (2) A digital or physical collection of federal documents.

1 (3) An information and reference service to State government, including
2 a comprehensive digital or physical collection of current information relating
3 to matters of public policy and topics pertinent to State government.

4 (4) A general library collection of a sufficient size and scope to
5 reinforce and supplement the resources of local and regional libraries. ~~All~~
6 ~~materials of the Department of Libraries~~ The collection may be composed of
7 digital and physical materials and shall be available for free circulation to all
8 citizens, institutions, and organizations under procedures adopted by the State
9 Librarian except that the State Librarian may restrict rare or reference-type
10 materials to one location. The Department shall arrange, classify, and catalog
11 all materials in its custody and provide for their safekeeping and shall rebind
12 books as needed. The Department shall provide ~~service~~ materials to other
13 libraries in the State, schools, and individuals ~~and may provide service by mail~~
14 ~~or book wagon or otherwise~~ through interlibrary loan and shall encourage the
15 sharing of library materials between libraries in Vermont and nationally
16 through interlibrary loan.

17 (5) A service of advice and consultation to all libraries in the State, in
18 order to assist them in realizing their potential. ~~This service shall be provided~~
19 ~~at a regional level as well as at the State level.~~ The Department may provide
20 centralized cataloging and other related technical services to libraries in the
21 State to the extent feasible.

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Third: By striking out Sec. 6, 22 V.S.A. § 606, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 6. 22 V.S.A. § 143 is amended to read:

§ 143. TRUSTEES

(a) Unless a municipality that has established or shall establish a public library votes at its annual meeting to elect a board of trustees, the governing body of the municipality shall appoint the trustees. The appointment or election of the trustees shall continue in effect until changed at an annual meeting of the municipality. When trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected or appointed for staggered terms. This subsection shall not be construed to apply to public libraries that are privately established, chartered, or incorporated pursuant to subchapter 2 of this chapter.

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Fourth: Following the end of Sec. 9, by inserting a reader assistance heading and Sec. 9a to read as follows:

* * * Repeal * * *

Sec. 9a. REPEAL

22 V.S.A. § 608 (Audio-Visual Revolving Fund) is repealed.

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3 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE