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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2002

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RELATING TO LIBRARIES

Introduced By: Representatives Dennigan, and Malik

Date Introduced: January 29, 2002

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 29-6-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 29-6 entitled "State Aid to
2 Libraries" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **29-6-9. Rhode Island library network.** -- (a) In order to provide each individual in
4 Rhode Island with equal opportunity of access to resources that will satisfy their and society's
5 information needs and interests, the department of state library services is hereby authorized to
6 establish a Rhode Island library network to be administered by the department of state library
7 services for the purpose of maintaining, promoting, and developing a program of statewide
8 resource sharing and interlibrary cooperation. The department of state library services shall
9 include as part of its budget a budget for the administration and operation of the Rhode Island
10 library network to:

11 (1) Provide central support services for the Rhode Island library network, such as
12 delivery of materials, telecommunications, consultant services, and access to bibliographic and
13 other information sources;

14 (2) Reimburse libraries for the actual cost of providing services to individuals outside the
15 library's primary clientele; and

16 (3) Support the development, maintenance of, and access to the resource sharing
17 potential embodied in specialized collections and services at the Providence public library and
18 other libraries which can be provided most cost-effectively on a statewide basis.

19 (b) By fiscal year 2000, the state shall provide from state and federal revenue sources

1 one hundred percent (100%) of the funding for the following statewide library services:

2 (1) Reference resource center at the Providence public library;

3 (2) Interlibrary delivery system;

4 (3) Interlibrary telecommunications system;

5 (4) Electronic interlibrary loan system;

6 (5) Library holdings database;

7 (6) Cooperating libraries automated network; and

8 (7) [Deleted by P.L. 1996, ch. 100, art. 29, section 1.]

9 (c) There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
10 appropriated beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, the sum of five hundred
11 thousand dollars (\$500,000) to be disbursed to the office of library and information services for
12 the purpose of funding the interlibrary delivery system.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to fund the interlibrary
- 2 delivery system of the office of library and information services.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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