

No. 2005-53

AN ACT

HB 1304

Amending the act of June 14, 1961 (P.L.324, No.188), entitled "An act relating to the establishment, operation and maintenance of the State Library and public libraries in the Commonwealth; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; imposing duties upon public officers; providing for State and local cooperation and assistance in the establishment and maintenance of libraries; prescribing penalties; and repealing existing laws," providing for fiscal year waiver of standards and for State aid for 2005-2006.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 103(a) of the act of June 14, 1961 (P.L.324, No.188), known as The Library Code, amended July 4, 2004 (P.L.526, No.68), is amended to read:

Section 103. Waiver of Standards.—(a) If the Commonwealth's appropriation for libraries in fiscal years **[2003-2004 and] 2004-2005 and 2005-2006** is less than that provided in fiscal year 2002-2003, **[the following conditions shall apply: during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, and the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005,]** the State Librarian may, upon application by the board of directors of a local library, waive standards contained in this act or regulations promulgated under this act relating to hours of operation, continuing professional development, collections expenditures and any other standards related to library operations deemed appropriate by the State Librarian *for the fiscal year*.

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 303.15. State-aid for 2005-2006.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each library shall be eligible for State-aid for fiscal year 2005-2006 which shall consist of the following:

(1) An amount equal to the State-aid allocation for fiscal year 2004-2005 pursuant to section 303.14.

(2) An aid to local libraries supplement to be calculated as follows:

(i) multiply the amount of funding that the library received in fiscal year 2004-2005 under section 303.14(4) and (5) by one million seven hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$1,752,000); and

(ii) divide the product by the sum of the amount of funding provided to all libraries under section 303.14(4) and (5) in fiscal year 2004-2005.

(3) A district center restoration supplement to be calculated as follows:

(i) multiply the amount of funding that the library received in fiscal year 2004-2005 under section 303.14(1), (2) and (3) by one million six hundred ninety-six thousand dollars (\$1,696,000); and

(ii) divide the product by the sum of the amount of funding provided to all libraries under section 303.14(1), (2) and (3) in fiscal year 2004-2005.

(4) Add clauses (1), (2) and (3) to determine the amount of funding.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of July, A.D. 2005.

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