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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1093

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1093

Amend House Bill No. 1093 as originally introduced:

Immediately following SECTION 10 of the bill, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES PROVISIONS.

(i) The Department of Education – Arkansas State Library provides grants and aid to Libraries across the state. The Arkansas State Library has developed the Standards for State Aid to public libraries which creates standards public libraries must meet to be eligible for state aid.

(ii) The Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries contains the requirement that a public library shall maintain a one-mill county or city property tax, and the requirement that the library have a qualified librarian.

(iii) Less populated areas in the State may not have the ability to pass and maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

(iv) Due to the importance that the public library represents to rural communities, the Arkansas State Library shall review and modify the requirements that prevent rural public libraries from receiving state grant and aid that is authorized by the General Assembly, as set out in subsection (v).

(v) Therefore, the Arkansas State Library shall promulgate rules that allow a public library to adequately demonstrate a source of revenue in lieu of the requirement to maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

(vi) One month prior to the distribution of state aid to public libraries for the 2025 Fiscal Year, the Arkansas State Library shall report



to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in legislative session, the revised Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries which shall address in writing the actions taken to address the issues as set out in this section. The report shall include all criteria, including but not limited to how a local public library may become certified to receive funding from the Arkansas State Library.

(vii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator J. Payton
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Chief Clerk