



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **1234**

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT PROHIBITING LIBRARIES FROM AGREEING TO CERTAIN TERMS IN ELECTRONIC BOOK AND DIGITAL AUDIOBOOK LICENSE AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study methods to address the costs charged for libraries in this state
5 to obtain digital audiobooks and electronic books and potential
6 solutions to minimize such costs.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 who is a representative of a library;

10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
11 represents municipalities;

12 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
13 Representatives, who is a law professor;

14 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

15 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, who has expertise in license and trademark issues;

17 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

18 (7) The State Librarian.

19 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
20 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
21 of the General Assembly.

22 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
23 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
24 be filled by the appointing authority.

25 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
26 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
27 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
28 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
29 days after the effective date of this section.

30 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
32 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

33 (g) Not later than January 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report
34 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
35 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
36 government administration, in accordance with the provisions of
37 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
38 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2026, whichever is
39 later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section