

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1086

PRINTER'S NO. 1333

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

June 6, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Piccola

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1086 amends the Library Code by establishing a new Section 303.17 (State-aid for 2011-2012) to provide for the distribution of State-aid to libraries in Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The distribution formula contained in the legislation provides for each library to receive an equal percentage increase or decrease in funding over the current year depending on the amount of funds provided in the General Appropriations Act and authorizes the State Librarian to distribute any unallocated funds.

It allows a library system to distribute the State-aid it receives to member libraries in a manner determined by the library system's board of directors, except in the case of a library system operating in a county of the second class.

The bill provides for a process by which the State Librarian may waive standards relating to hours of operation, continuing professional development, collections, expenditures and any other aspects of library operations, if funds appropriated for state-aid are less than the amount appropriated in Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2011, or immediately thereafter.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1086 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Funding for State-aid to libraries will be dependent upon appropriations made by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act.