

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Introduced**

## **House Bill 2919**

### **2015 Carryover**

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[Introduced January 13, 2016; referred to the  
Committee on Government Organization then Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §10-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to the West Virginia Library Commission; and requiring the Library Commission to survey  
 3 the libraries of the state and develop a ten year plan for construction and maintenance of  
 4 public libraries.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §10-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**

**§10-1-20. Aid to libraries by Library Commission.**

1 The West Virginia Library Commission ~~is hereby authorized and empowered to~~ may  
 2 render such aid and assistance, financial, advisory and/or otherwise, to public, school, county, or  
 3 regional libraries, whether established or maintained by said Library Commission or not, under  
 4 such conditions and rules ~~and regulations~~ as the ~~said~~ commission ~~deems~~ determines necessary  
 5 to further the interests of the state and best increase the efficiency of the service it is expected to  
 6 render the public, and for this purpose the Library Commission shall survey the libraries of the  
 7 state and in consultation with these libraries and other interested parties, the Library Commission  
 8 shall develop a ten year plan for construction and maintenance of public libraries in the state.

9 Having determined that the development and support of such libraries will further the  
 10 education of the people of the state as a whole and will thereby aid in the discharge of the  
 11 responsibility of the state to encourage and foster education, the West Virginia Library  
 12 Commission ~~is authorized and empowered to~~ may pay over and contribute to any board of library  
 13 directors created and maintained pursuant to the provisions of this article or any special act of the  
 14 Legislature such sum or sums of money as may be available from funds included in appropriations  
 15 made for the West Virginia Library Commission for ~~such~~ that purpose. The amount of any such

16 payment or contribution by the commission to any such local library board of directors shall be  
17 determined in accordance with rules ~~and regulations~~ promulgated by the commission. The  
18 Library Commission ~~shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations~~ may propose rules  
19 for legislative approval in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of the code  
20 governing the manner in which such amount or amounts of money shall be accounted for and  
21 expended.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the West Virginia Library Commission to survey the libraries of the state and develop a ten year plan for construction and maintenance of public libraries.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.