



# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

## State Budget Office

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*State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:*

**2025-H 5400**

**Date of State Budget Office Approval:** Thursday, February 20, 2025

**Date Requested:** Friday, February 7, 2025

**Date Due:** Saturday, February 22, 2025

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>		<i>Impact on Revenues</i>	
FY 2025	N/A	FY 2025	N/A
FY 2026	\$239,594	FY 2026	N/A
FY 2027	N/A	FY 2027	N/A

### Explanation by State Budget Office:

This Act requires that the state share to support public library services in fiscal year 2026 be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated and expended by the city or town in the second preceding fiscal year. This provision effectively suspends, for one year, the ratable reduction allowed under current law in the event of an appropriation amount below full statutory financing.

### Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

(1) The State already provides financial support to libraries through the Library Resource Sharing Aid program, which is administered by the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) of the Department of Administration. Current law specifies that the state's share to support local public library services shall be equal to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated and expended by the city or town in the second preceding fiscal year (plus 25 percent of a statutorily capped amount of private endowment contributions). The FY 2025 enacted budget funds the program in full, with appropriations totaling \$11,855,428. According to OLIS data, fully funding Library Aid in FY 2026 would require an additional \$239,594 over the enacted FY 2025 level of \$11,855,428, for a total of \$12,095,022.

(2) This bill does not change how OLIS administers the program, therefore no additional administrative costs are assumed.

(3) This bill's amending language only specifies full financing for FY 2026. Therefore, the Budget Office assumes no marginal impact in FY 2025 or FY 2027.

### Comments on Sources of Funds:

Currently, State Library Resource Sharing Aid is funded via general revenue; thus, the Budget Office assumes that any increase to the program would also require general revenue appropriations.



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Summary of Fiscal Impact:

FY 2025: No fiscal impact.

FY 2026: \$239,594 in increased general revenue expenditures.

FY 2027: No fiscal impact.

Budget Office Signature:

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Fiscal Advisor Signature:

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