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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

75 ILCS 10/1	from Ch. 81, par. 111
75 ILCS 10/3	from Ch. 81, par. 113
75 ILCS 10/8.7 new	

Amends the Illinois Library System Act. Provides that it is the policy of the State to encourage the improvement of free public libraries and to encourage cooperation among all types of libraries in promoting the sharing of library resources, including digital resources, and to encourage and protect the freedom of public libraries and library systems to acquire materials without external limitation and to be protected against attempts to ban, remove, or otherwise restrict access to books or other materials. Provides that the State Librarian shall prescribe rules concerning the development of a written policy declaring the inherent authority of the public library or library system to prohibit the practice of banning specific books or resources. Provides that, in order to be eligible for State grants, a public library or library system shall develop a written policy prohibiting the practice of banning books within the public library or library system. Makes other changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Library System Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 1 and 3 and by adding Section 8.7 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 10/1) (from Ch. 81, par. 111)

7 Sec. 1. Because the state has a financial responsibility
8 in promoting public education, and because the public library
9 is a vital agency serving all levels of the educational
10 process, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to
11 encourage the improvement of free public libraries and to
12 encourage cooperation among all types of libraries in
13 promoting the sharing of library resources, including digital
14 resources. In keeping with this policy, provision is hereby
15 made for a program of state grants designed to establish,
16 develop and operate a network of library systems covering the
17 entire state.

18 It is further declared to be the policy of the State to
19 encourage and protect the freedom of public libraries and
20 library systems to acquire materials without external
21 limitation and to be protected against attempts to ban,
22 remove, or otherwise restrict access to books or other
23 materials.

1 (Source: P.A. 83-411.)

2 (75 ILCS 10/3) (from Ch. 81, par. 113)

3 Sec. 3. The State Librarian and the Illinois State Library
4 ~~his~~ staff shall administer the provisions of this Act and
5 shall prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary to
6 carry the provisions of this Act into effect.

7 The rules and regulations established by the State
8 Librarian for the administration of this Act shall be designed
9 to achieve the following standards and objectives:

10 A provide library service for every citizen in the state
11 by extending library facilities to areas not now served.

12 B provide library materials for student needs at every
13 educational level.

14 C provide adequate library materials to satisfy the
15 reference and research needs of the people of this state.

16 D provide an adequate staff of professionally trained
17 librarians for the state.

18 E develop a written policy declaring the inherent
19 authority of the public library or library system to provide
20 an adequate stock of books and other materials sufficient in
21 size and varied in kind and subject matter to satisfy the
22 library needs of the people of this state and prohibit the
23 practice of banning specific books or resources.

24 F provide adequate library outlets and facilities
25 convenient in time and place to serve the people of this state.

1 G encourage existing and new libraries to develop library
2 systems serving a sufficiently large population to support
3 adequate library service at reasonable cost.

4 H foster the economic and efficient utilization of public
5 funds.

6 I promote the full utilization of local pride,
7 responsibility, initiative and support of library service and
8 at the same time employ state aid as a supplement to local
9 support.

10 The Advisory Committee of the Illinois State Library shall
11 confer with, advise and make recommendations to the State
12 Librarian regarding any matter under this Act and particularly
13 with reference to the formation of library systems.

14 (Source: Laws 1965, p. 3077.)

15 (75 ILCS 10/8.7 new)

16 Sec. 8.7. State grants; book banning. In order to be
17 eligible for State grants, a public library or library system
18 shall develop a written policy prohibiting the practice of
19 banning books within the public library or library system.