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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ____________________________

A BILL
To extend and amend the Library Services and Construction Act, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assem-
3 bled,
4 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.
5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Li-
6 brary Services and Construction Act Amendment of 7 1989”.


(b) REFERENCES.—References in this Act to "the Act" are references to the Library Services and Construction Act (20 U.S.C. 351 et seq.).

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

Section 3 of the Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking "and initial equipment of" and inserting "and the purchase and installation of equipment for";

(B) by striking "to conserve energy" and inserting "to ensure safe working environments and to conserve energy"; and

(C) by striking "includes machinery" and inserting "includes information and building technologies, video and telecommunications equipment, machinery"; and

(2) in paragraph (7), by striking "or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" and inserting "the freely associated States,"; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

"(17) The term 'handicapped individual' means a person who is mentally retarded, hard of hearing, deaf, speech- or language-impaired, visually handi-
capped, seriously emotionally disturbed, orthopedically impaired, or learning disabled.

"(18) The term 'network' means any cooperative arrangement among two or more administratively independent libraries for the sharing of books, materials, and services."

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Section 4(a) of the Act is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated—

"(1) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title I, $100,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

"(2) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title II, $60,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

"(3) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title III, $40,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years;

"(4) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title V, $1,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and
such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years; and
(5) for the purpose of making grants as provided in title VI, $15,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.

There shall be available for the purpose of making grants under title IV for each of the fiscal years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1995, 1.5 percent of the amount appropriated pursuant to each of paragraphs (1), (2), (3) for each such fiscal year. There shall be available for the purpose of making grants under section 5(d) for such fiscal years 0.5 percent of the amount appropriated pursuant to each of such clauses for each fiscal year. There shall be available for the purpose of carrying out section 9 for such fiscal years 0.5 percent of the amount appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) for each such fiscal year.”.

(b) Carryover of Funds.—Section 4(b) of the Act is amended by striking “and for the next succeeding year” and inserting “and remain available until expended”.

SEC. 4. RESOURCE SHARING COORDINATION.

Section 6 of the Act is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “and construction” and inserting “, construction, and interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing”; and
(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(h) The Secretary shall coordinate programs under titles V and VI of this Act with the programs assisted by titles I, II, and III of this Act, and shall afford to the head of the State library administrative agency the opportunity to comment on any application for a grant under title V or VI of this Act before the grant is made, in order to assure that such grants from the Secretary are for purposes consistent with the long-range program required under subsection (d) of this section."

SEC. 5. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.

Section 7 of this Act is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

"(b) In fiscal year 1990, and every fifth year thereafter, each State library agency may review its expenditures under the programs from State and local sources and file with the Secretary a statement to establish a current, revised expenditure level to be used for measuring the maintenance of effort required under subsection (a) for succeeding fiscal years."
SEC. 6. RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF LIBRARY PROGRAMS.

The Act is further amended by inserting after section 8 the following new section:

"RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF LIBRARY PROGRAMS

"Sec. 9. (a) Funds made available for carrying out this section shall be used to support—

"(1) library research and development, including field-initiated research; and

"(2) evaluation of Federal library programs supported under this Act as well as assessment of libraries and library conditions, including the regular collection and reporting of data on the condition of the Nation's libraries and library services.

The Secretary shall report such findings on libraries to the Congress within 1 year after the date of enactment of this section and biannually thereafter. Such findings, and the data on which such findings are based, shall be made readily available to the general public.

"(b) Funds made available for carrying out this section may be used for projects or activities such as—

"(1) investigation of effective ways to apply new technologies to the provision of library services;

"(2) investigation of ways to improve the use of library services by economically disadvantaged or handicapped individuals;
“(3) investigation of methods to increase re-
source sharing and make library services more effi-
cient;
“(4) assessment of users’ needs; and
“(5) assessment of the effectiveness and effi-
ciency of library services.”.

SEC. 7. INTERGENERATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES.

Section 101 of the Act is amended—
(1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively; and
(2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the follow-
ing new paragraph:
“(5) for assisting libraries in developing inter-
generational library programs that will match older volunteers with libraries interested in developing after school literacy and reading skills programs for latchkey children;”.

SEC. 8. USE OF TITLE I FUNDS.

Section 102(a) of the Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: “In carrying out its program to accomplish the purposes of this title, a State may make subgrants to library systems or networks which include libraries other than public libraries, if the purpose of the grant is to improve services for public library pa-
trons.”.
SEC. 9. RATABLE REDUCTIONS OF MAJOR URBAN RESOURCE LIBRARIES.

Section 102(c) of the Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(3) No State shall, in carrying out the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, reduce the amount paid to an urban resource library below the amount that such library received in the year preceding the year for which the determination is made under such paragraph (2), except that such amount shall be ratably reduced to the extent that the total Federal allocations to the State under section 5 for purposes of this title are reduced or that the 1990 census shows the population of the city has decreased."

SEC. 10. STATE ANNUAL PROGRAM.

Section 103 of the Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking "and institutionalized individuals;"

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking "(A)"; and

(B) by striking everything following "elderly" the first place it appears and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) in paragraph (5), by striking everything following "individuals" and inserting a semicolon.
SEC. 11. PRESERVATION COOPERATION.

Title III of the Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION AND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS REQUIRED

"Sec. 305. (a) The long-range program and annual program of each State under this title may—

"(1) include a statewide preservation cooperation plan that complies with this section; and

"(2) identify the preservation objectives to be achieved during the period covered by the basic and long-range plans required by section 6.

"(b) A statewide preservation cooperation plan complies with this section if—

"(1) such plan specifies the methods by which the State library agency will work with libraries, archives, historical societies, scholarly organizations, and other agencies, within or outside the State, in planning, education and training, coordinating, outreach and public information, and service programs to ensure that endangered library and information resources are preserved systematically; and

"(2) such preservation plan is developed in consultation with such parties and agencies as the State archives, historical societies, libraries, scholarly organizations, and the public."
“(c) A State which has a statewide preservation cooperation plan that complies with this section may use up to 40 percent of its funds under this title to carry out such plan.

“(d) The State library agency may contract part or all of the preservation program under this section to other agencies or institutions.”.

SEC. 12. RESOURCE SHARING.

Section 304(a) of the Act is amended by striking “eventual compliance with” and inserting “fulfilling”.

SEC. 13. LIBRARY LITERACY GRANTS.

Section 601(e) of the Act is amended by striking “$25,000” and inserting “$35,000”.