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LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1989
HR 2742 and S. 1291

Significant Differences Between House and Senate Bills

The House-passed HR 2742 and the pending S. 1291 are very similar bills reauthorizing the Library Services and Construction Act for five years. The significant differences to be addressed in a House-Senate conference committee following Senate passage are summarized below:

HR 2742

S. 1291

TITLE I

Includes drug abuse prevention as eligible purpose.

No comparable provision.

Maintenance of effort required on state aid to libraries or, if none, on state agency expenditures.

Existing MOE could be reviewed every five years to establish a new level.

Ratable reduction on expenditures for services to handicapped and institutionalized allowed to extent such populations have declined.

No comparable provision.

TITLE III

Encouraging access to school library resources during vacation periods would be an eligible purpose.

No comparable provision.

TITLE V

Raises maximum grant amount from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

\$15,000 limitation would not apply to any major urban resource library. Not more than 30% of funds could be used for MURLS in excess of \$15,000.

TITLE VIII

New title authorizing \$12 million for family learning centers at public libraries.

No comparable provision.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RESEARCH LIBRARY

Prohibits contracting out of Education Dept. Research Library through 9/30/91, and requires GAO study on the library.

No comparable provision.