

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
County and municipal support for a public library system					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Generally, this bill would eliminate the current law provision which requires each county in a public library system to maintain financial support for library services at a level that is not lower than the average support of the previous three years. It is unknown if, or how many, counties in public library systems would reduce financial support or the amount of those reductions.

Similarly, this bill would eliminate the current law provision which requires a municipal, county, or joint public library participating in a public library system to receive funding from the municipality or county at a level that is not lower than the average of the previous three years. It is also unknown if, or how many, municipal, county, or joint public libraries would receive less funding from counties or municipalities or the amount of those reductions.

It should be noted that in calendar 2004, public library budgets statewide included municipal contributions of about \$125.4 million (64.5% of all direct library revenue), \$45.9 million from county contributions (23.5%) and \$23.3 million (12%) from other revenue sources.

State Fiscal Effect:

This bill would have no state fiscal effect.

Local Fiscal Effect:

This bill could result in an indeterminate cost savings to municipalities and counties that chose to reduce library funding as provided under this bill. This bill could also result in an indeterminate amount of reduced revenues for public libraries.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications