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Short Title: Funding for Aid to Libraries Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Saine, McGrady, Brisson, and Hanes (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE AID TO STATE LIBRARIES FUND.
3 Whereas, every citizen of North Carolina is served by one of North Carolina's 80
4 public library systems; and
5 Whereas, in 2014, every public library provided a Summer Reading Program,
6 serving over half a million participants and circulating 6.2 million books; and
7 Whereas, the public libraries are the only source of free Internet access in 70% of
8 North Carolina's communities; and
9 Whereas, in 2014, there were almost 7.7 million users of free Internet in the State's
10 public libraries; and
11 Whereas, in 2014, the public libraries performed over 400,000 one-on-one help
12 sessions to those seeking jobs; and
13 Whereas, as the demand for services provided by public libraries has not decreased,
14 State funding has decreased by 38% on a per capita basis since 2000; Now, therefore,
15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
16 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
17 Cultural Resources the sum of two million five hundred fifty-seven thousand fourteen dollars
18 (\$2,557,014) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the Aid to State Libraries Fund to assist the
19 State's public libraries.
20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.



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