

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 Section 8 as follows:

6 (75 ILCS 10/8) (from Ch. 81, par. 118)

7 Sec. 8. State grants.

8 (a) There shall be a program of State grants within the  
9 limitations of funds appropriated by the Illinois General  
10 Assembly together with other funds made available by the  
11 federal government or other sources for this purpose. This  
12 program of State grants shall be administered by the State  
13 Librarian in accordance with rules and regulations as provided  
14 in Section 3 of this Act and shall include the following: (i)  
15 annual equalization grants; (ii) Library System grants; (iii)  
16 per capita grants to public libraries; ~~and~~ (iv) planning and  
17 construction grants to ~~public libraries and~~ library systems  
18 and public libraries that are. ~~Libraries, in order to be~~  
19 ~~eligible for grants under this Section, must be~~ members of a  
20 library system; and (v) grants to improve or enhance security  
21 of libraries.

22 (b) An annual equalization grant shall be made to all  
23 public libraries for which the corporate authorities levy a

1 tax for library purposes at a rate not less than .13% of the  
2 value of all the taxable property as equalized and assessed by  
3 the Department of Revenue if the amount of tax revenue  
4 obtained from a rate of .13% produces less than \$17.50 per  
5 capita in property tax revenue from property taxes for Fiscal  
6 Year 2025 and thereafter. In that case, the State Librarian is  
7 authorized to make an equalization grant equivalent to the  
8 difference between the amount obtained from a rate of .13% and  
9 an annual income of \$17.50 per capita for grants made in Fiscal  
10 Year 2025 and thereafter. If moneys appropriated for grants  
11 under this Section are not sufficient, then the State  
12 Librarian shall reduce the per capita amount of the grants so  
13 that the qualifying public libraries receive the same amount  
14 per capita, but in no event shall the grant be less than  
15 equivalent to the difference between the amount of the tax  
16 revenue obtained from the current levy and an annual income of  
17 \$4.25 per capita. If a library receiving an equalization grant  
18 reduces its tax levy below the amount levied at the time the  
19 original application is approved, it shall be ineligible to  
20 receive further equalization grants.

21 If a library is subject to the Property Tax Extension  
22 Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code and its tax levy for  
23 library purposes has been lowered to a rate of less than .13%,  
24 the library will qualify for this grant if the library levied a  
25 tax for library purposes that met the requirements for this  
26 grant in the previous year and if the tax levied for library

1 purposes in the current year produces tax revenue for the  
2 library that is an increase over the previous year's extension  
3 of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index,  
4 whichever is less, and the tax revenue produced by this levy is  
5 less than \$17.50 per capita in property tax revenue from  
6 property taxes for the Fiscal Year 2025 and thereafter. In  
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20 original application is approved, it shall be ineligible to  
21 receive further equalization grants.

22 (c) Annual Library System grants shall be made, upon  
23 application, to each library system approved by the State  
24 Librarian on the following basis:

25 (1) For library systems, the sum of \$1.46 per capita  
26 of the population of the area served plus the sum of \$50.75

1 per square mile or fraction thereof of the area served  
2 except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

3 (2) If the amounts appropriated for grants are  
4 different from the amount provided for in paragraph (1) of  
5 this subsection, the area and per capita funding shall be  
6 proportionately reduced or increased accordingly.

7 (3) For library systems, additional funds may be  
8 appropriated. The appropriation shall be distributed on  
9 the same proportional per capita and per square mile basis  
10 as provided in paragraphs (1) and (4) of this subsection.

11 (4) Per capita and area funding for a multitype  
12 library system as defined in subparagraph (3) of the  
13 definition of "library system" in Section 2 and a public  
14 library system in cities with a population of 500,000 or  
15 more as defined in subparagraph (2) of the definition of  
16 "library system" in Section 2 shall be apportioned with  
17 25% of the funding granted to the multitype library system  
18 and 75% of the funding granted to the public library  
19 system.

20 (d) The "area served" for the purposes of making and  
21 expending annual Library System grants means the area that  
22 lies within the geographic boundaries of the library system as  
23 approved by the State Librarian, except that grant funding  
24 awarded to a library system may also be expended for the  
25 provision of services to members of other library systems if  
26 such an expenditure is included in a library system's plan of

1 service and is approved by the State Librarian. In determining  
2 the population of the area served by the library system, the  
3 Illinois State Library shall use the latest federal census for  
4 the political subdivisions in the area served.

5 (e) In order to be eligible for a grant under this Section,  
6 the corporate authorities, instead of a tax levy at a  
7 particular rate, may provide an amount equivalent to the  
8 amount produced by that levy.

9 (Source: P.A. 103-588, eff. 7-1-24.)