

SENATE, No. 1314

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators LITTELL, INVERSO, LaRossa, Bennett,
Kyrillos and Ewing

1 AN ACT concerning the operation of the State Library and
2 supplementing chapter 73 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. On May 2, 1996, Governor Whitman filed a reorganization plan
9 providing for the transfer and reorganization of the Division of the
10 State Library, which represents an ongoing effort to streamline and
11 downsize the structure and functions of the Executive Branch in the
12 interests of efficiency and economy;

13 b. Under the plan, the Division of the State Library would be
14 transferred from the Department of Education and reconstituted as a
15 division within the Department of State;

16 c. The purpose of the plan is to further concentrate the cultural and
17 heritage functions of the State in a single department, to which the
18 State Museum, Historical Commission, Bureau of Records
19 Management and Archives sections were transferred in 1983, while
20 focusing the core mission of the Department of Education on the
21 elementary and secondary education of the children of this State;

22 d. It is envisioned that under the plan, the Secretary of State may
23 delegate certain responsibilities for the administration and operation
24 of the State Library to a public institution of higher education; and

25 e. While the Governor is authorized under the "Executive
26 Reorganization Act of 1969," P.L.1969, c.203 (C.52:14C-1 et seq.) to
27 effect the transfer of the State Library, legislative action is needed to
28 authorize the Secretary of State to delegate any responsibilities to a
29 public institution of higher education.

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31 2. The Secretary of State is authorized to delegate, through
32 appropriate means, responsibility for the administration and operation
33 of the State Library to a public institution of higher education and to
34 transfer employees of the Division of the State Library to that
35 institution as necessary. The public institution of higher education so
36 delegated is authorized to accept that responsibility.

1 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill affirms the Governor's reorganization plan which transfers
7 the Division of the State Library to the Department of State, and
8 consistent with the intent of the plan, provides authorization for the
9 Secretary of State to delegate responsibility for the administration and
10 operation of the library to a public institution of higher education and
11 authorization for the public institution to accept that responsibility.

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17 Authorizes Secretary of State to delegate responsibility for operation
of State Library to public insitution of higher education.