

HOUSE BILL 35

IN THE HOUSE

January 4, 1979

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Education.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 35
2 INTRODUCED BY H. ROBBINS

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO INSURE THAT THE
5 STATE LIBRARY PROVIDES BASIC LIBRARY SERVICES TO FREE PUBLIC
6 LIBRARIES."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. State library to furnish basic library
10 services to free public libraries. (1) The state library
11 must provide, upon request, basic library and information
12 services to a free public library organized and functioning
13 as provided by part 3 of this chapter.

14 (2) A free public library need not be a member of a
15 library federation or library network in order to receive
16 the following services from the state library:

- 17 (a) the lending of books and reference materials;
- 18 (b) library services for the blind and physically
19 handicapped; and
- 20 (c) library assistance and information services.

21 Section 2. Codification. Section 1 is intended to be
22 codified as an integral part of Title 22, chapter 1, part 2,
23 and the provisions contained in Title 22, chapter 1, apply
24 to this act.

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INTRODUCED BILL

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 131-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 25, 1979, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 35 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

HB 35 mandates the State Library to provide basic library services to free public libraries in Montana.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. Currently the lending of books and reference materials to Montana residents is done through the six federation headquarters libraries. In the past fiscal year, at least 55,184 interlibrary loans were handled by the six libraries. It is assumed that these transactions would have to be transferred to Montana State Library under HB 35.
2. A total of 25,000 requests from state agencies were handled last year by Montana State Library. The additional transfer of services required by HB 35 would mean that Montana State Library would have to handle triple the number of requests it presently handles. In the federation headquarters libraries, 12 FTEs are needed to provide these services. Reference, interlibrary loan, documents and circulation staffs would have to be increased at Montana State Library by 12 FTEs - 5 professional librarians and 7 clerical staff members.
3. Large increases in the State Library book budget will be required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Table with 3 columns: Description, FY80, FY81. Rows include: Additional cost of proposed legislation, Personal services (\$140,000 to \$148,400), Photocopy and collection costs (160,000 to 169,600), Operating expenses (20,000 to 21,200), and total Additional cost of proposed legislation (\$320,000 to \$339,200).

The additional cost would be funded from the State General Fund.

LOCAL IMPACT:

It is possible that city and county expenditures for library services will be reduced substantially.

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