



# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

## State Budget Office

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*State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:*

**2026-H 7691**

***Date of State Budget Office Approval:*** Thursday, March 5, 2026

***Date Requested:*** Tuesday, February 17, 2026

***Date Due:*** Friday, February 27, 2026

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>	<i>Impact on Revenues</i>
FY 2026 \$0	FY 2026 N/A
FY 2027 \$450,882	FY 2027 N/A
FY 2028 \$0	FY 2028 N/A

**Explanation by State Budget Office:**

This Act amends R.I.G.L. § 29-6-2 on State Aid to Libraries to require that, for the fiscal year 2027 only, the State pays each city and town a fixed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated and expended by the city or town on public library services from local tax revenues and qualifying endowment funds in the second preceding fiscal year.

**Summary of Facts and Assumptions:**

The State already provides financial support to libraries through the Library Resource Sharing Aid program, which is administered by the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS).

Under current law, the State's share is set at "at least" 25%, subject to:

- A proportional (ratable) reduction if the total required payments exceed the amount appropriated in a given year; and
- A cap on the amount of endowment funds eligible for state matching (limited to 6% of the three-year average market value of the endowment).

This Act suspends the proportional reduction provision for FY 2027. Exercising the provision in R.I.G.L. § 29-3.1-7(8)(v), the Chief of Library Services interprets the proposed bill to maintain the cap on the amount of endowment funds eligible for state matching.

The FY 2026 Enacted Budget funds the program in full, with appropriations totaling \$12,095,022.

According to OLIS data, fully funding the 25% state share in FY 2027 would require an additional \$450,882 over the enacted FY 2026 level for a total of \$12,545,904.

H-7691 does not change how OLIS administers the program, therefore no additional administrative costs are assumed. This bill only specifies full financing in FY 2027. So, the Budget Office also assumes no impact in FY 2026 and FY 2028.



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Comments on Sources of Funds:

Currently, State Resource Sharing Aid is funded via general revenue; thus, the Budget Office assumes that any increase to the program would require additional general revenue appropriations.

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

FY 2026: No fiscal impact expected.

FY 2027: \$12,545,904 in total general revenue expenditures, a \$450,882 increase relative to the FY 2026 level

FY 2028: No fiscal impact expected.

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