



## **H.B. 261**

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(As Introduced)

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires each school district to maintain a library in every school building and to ensure that libraries are staffed or supervised by a licensed librarian.
- Requires districts to annually expend at least one-half of one per cent of the total GRF expenditures for regular instruction for the previous school year on library materials and equipment.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill mandates all school district boards to maintain a library in each school building within the district. The collection at such library must be selected according to board-adopted policies and with the involvement of licensed staff. Current reference materials, materials appropriate to the interests and ages of the building's students, and materials that support attainment of the district's educational objectives must be included in the collection. In addition, each library must be staffed throughout the school day by either a licensed librarian or by an aide or volunteer who is supervised by a licensed librarian. Under the bill, school libraries also must provide services to instruct students in library skills as well as services to instruct staff in the use of library services and the production of instructional materials.

The bill also requires annual school year district expenditures for library materials and equipment to amount to "at least one-half of one per cent of the total general [revenue] fund expenditures for regular instruction for the previous school year."

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## HISTORY

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