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Short Title: Funding for Aid to Libraries Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Saine, McGrady, Brisson, and Hanes (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE AID TO STATE LIBRARIES FUND.  
3 Whereas, every citizen of North Carolina is served by one of North Carolina's 80  
4 public library systems; and  
5 Whereas, in 2014, every public library provided a Summer Reading Program,  
6 serving over half a million participants and circulating 6.2 million books; and  
7 Whereas, the public libraries are the only source of free Internet access in 70% of  
8 North Carolina's communities; and  
9 Whereas, in 2014, there were almost 7.7 million users of free Internet in the State's  
10 public libraries; and  
11 Whereas, in 2014, the public libraries performed over 400,000 one-on-one help  
12 sessions to those seeking jobs; and  
13 Whereas, as the demand for services provided by public libraries has not decreased,  
14 State funding has decreased by 38% on a per capita basis since 2000; Now, therefore,  
15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
16 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
17 Cultural Resources the sum of two million five hundred fifty-seven thousand fourteen dollars  
18 (\$2,557,014) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the Aid to State Libraries Fund to assist the  
19 State's public libraries.  
20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

