

A bill for an act
relating to libraries; modifying regional library basic system support grants;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 134.34, subdivision 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 134.34, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Limitation.** (a) A regional library basic system support grant shall not be made to a regional public library system for a participating city or county which decreases the dollar amount provided for support for operating purposes of public library service below the amount provided by it for the first, second, or third preceding year, whichever is less. For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision 1, any funds provided under section 473.757, subdivision 2, for extending library hours of operation shall not be considered amounts provided by a city or county for support for operating purposes of public library service. This subdivision shall not apply to participating cities or counties where the adjusted net tax capacity of that city or county has decreased, if the dollar amount of the reduction in support is not greater than the dollar amount by which support would be decreased if the reduction in support were made in direct proportion to the decrease in adjusted net tax capacity.

(b) In addition to any calendar year in which a city or county's aid under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014, or credits under section 273.1384 are reduced after the city or county has certified its levy payable in that year, the city or county may reduce its local support by the lesser of (1) ten percent, or (2) a percent equal to the percent the aid or credit reduction is of the city or county's revenue base as defined in paragraph (e), based on aids certified for the current calendar year.

(c) In addition to any payable year in which the total amounts certified for city or county aids under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014, are less than the total amounts paid under those sections in the previous calendar year, a city or county may reduce its local support by the lesser of (1) ten percent, or (2) a percent equal to the ratio of (i) the difference between the sum of the aid it was paid under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 and the credits it received under section 273.1398, in the previous calendar year and the aid it is certified to be paid in the current calendar year under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 and the credits estimated to be paid under section 273.1398, to (ii) its revenue base for the previous year, based on aids actually paid in the previous calendar year.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), (b), or (c), no city or county shall reduce its support for public libraries below the minimum level specified in subdivision 1.

(e) For purposes of this subdivision, "revenue base" means the sum of the city or county's:

(1) levy for taxes payable in the current calendar year, including the levy on the fiscal disparities distribution under section 276A.06, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), or 473F.08, subdivision 3, paragraph (a);

(2) aid under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014 in the current calendar year; and

(3) taconite aid in the current calendar year under sections 298.28 and 298.282.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for support in calendar year 2009 and thereafter and for library grants paid in fiscal year 2010 and thereafter, except that the changes in paragraph (a) are effective for support in calendar year 2010 and thereafter.