

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.**

Senate Bill 893

**PRINTER'S NO.**

1147

**AMOUNT**

No Adverse Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General

**DATE INTRODUCED**

May 29, 2009

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Piccola

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to EDUCATION, May 29, 2009

Reported as committed, June 2, 2009

First consideration, June 2, 2009

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 3, 2009

Re-reported as amended, June 10, 2009

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 893 amends Section 102 (Waiver of Standards) and establishes a new Section 303.17 (State-aid for fiscal year 2009-2010) of the Library Code.

The amendment to Section 103 will allow the State Librarian upon application by a local library to waive standards related to library operations in FY 2009-10 if the Commonwealth's appropriation is less than that provided in FY 2002-03.

The new Section 303.17 will provide for the distribution of the Commonwealth's FY 2009-10 appropriations for state-aid to public libraries so that each library will receive the same proportion of funds as allocated in FY 2008-09. Language is also included in Section 303.17 to allow any unallocated funds to be distributed at the discretion of the State Librarian and to allow library systems to distribute the local library share of state-aid in a manner determined

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by the system board of directors to take into account the opening of new libraries, closures and changes in services areas.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2009, or immediately, whichever is later.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 893 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The amount of state-aid to be provided to public libraries will be dependent on appropriations made in the FY 2009-10 General Appropriations Act.