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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1085

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 42.1-15.1 and 42.1-52 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State Library Board; use of state funds.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

#### **1. That § 42.1-15.1 and 42.1-52 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 42.1-15.1. Qualifications required to hold professional librarian position.

Public libraries serving a political subdivision or subdivisions having over 5,000 population and libraries operated by the Commonwealth or under its authority, shall not *use funds derived from any state aid* to employ, in the position of librarian or in any other full-time professional librarian position, a person who does not meet the qualifications established by the State Library Board.

A professional librarian position as used in this section is one that requires a knowledge of books and of library technique equivalent to that required for graduation from any accredited library school or one that requires graduation from a school of library science accredited by the American Library Association.

No ~~public~~ funds *derived from any state aid* shall be paid to any person whose employment does not comply with this section.

This section shall not apply to law libraries organized pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 42.1-60 et seq.) of this title, libraries in colleges and universities or to public school libraries.

§ 42.1-52. Standards of eligibility for aid; reports on operation of libraries; supervision of services.

The Board shall establish standards under which library systems and libraries shall be eligible for state aid and may require reports on the operation of all libraries receiving state aid.

As long as funds are available, grants shall be made to the various libraries, library systems or contracting libraries applying for state aid in the order in which they meet the standards established by the Board.

~~In the event that any library meets the standards of the State Library Board but is unable to conform to § 42.1-15.1 relating to the employment of qualified librarians, the Library Board may, under a contractual agreement with such library, provide professional supervision of its services and may grant state aid funds to it in reduced amounts under a uniform plan to be adopted by the State Library Board.~~

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