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SENATE BILL NO. 205

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 42.1-15.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State Library Board; qualifications for professional librarians.

Patron—Quayle

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 42.1-15.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 42.1-15.1. Qualifications required to hold library director 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 employ, in the position of librarian or in any other full-time professional librarian position *library director*, a person who does not meet the qualifications established by the State Library Board.

A ~~professional librarian~~ *library director* 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 (i) any accredited library school or one that requires graduation from , (ii) a school of library science accredited by the American Library Association, or (iii) a master's degree program of an accredited college or university and a minimum of five years library work experience in a position requiring a knowledge of books and library technique.

No public funds 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.

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