

SCS SB 1044 -- MISSOURI STATE LIBRARY AND STATE DOCUMENT
PUBLICATIONS

SPONSOR: Shields (Pearce)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Corrections and State Institutions by a vote of 8 to 0.

This substitute establishes a council on library development to advise the Secretary of State and the Missouri State Library on matters relating to library service, recommend library policies and programs, and communicate the value of libraries. The Secretary of State will appoint council members to three-year terms and include representatives from both houses of the General Assembly, representatives of the public and of libraries, trustees of libraries, and users of state libraries.

The substitute changes the current requirement for state agencies to supply 45 copies of any report to the Missouri State Library to paper copies in the numbers specified by the library. Each state agency is given responsibility to submit publications electronically consistent with the state's enterprise architecture and to determine the format of the publication. The Secretary of State must provide a secure electronic repository of state publications with multiple access methods and establish rules for the selection of participating libraries and the electronic formats acceptable. The state library will administer the electronic repository and continue to publish a list of state publications, regardless of format. Participating libraries, formerly referred to as depository libraries, will ensure that citizens have access to electronic publications and maintain paper copies of designated publications; assist agencies in the distribution of paper copies; and provide training for staff in the use of state publications. Any actions taken must comply with the federal law on the accessibility of information technology for people with disabilities.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help maintain accessibility of state publications while modifying some requirements that predate electronic publication. It also establishes in statute a committee that now exists only in administrative rule.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pearce for Senator Shields; Office of Secretary of State; and State Librarian.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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