

SB 380 -- URBAN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Wheeler (Cunningham, 86)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill removes the requirement that the chief executive and administrative officer of an urban public library district be a duly qualified graduate librarian.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that librarians may not have the necessary skills to be an administrator and that this should be a local issue.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Wheeler; and Kansas City Library Board.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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