

Original Proviso:

Proviso 27.1 (LIB: Aid to Counties Libraries Allotment) Directs that funds appropriated for "Aid to County Libraries is allotted on a per capita basis, using the 2020 Census, with a \$150,000 minimum amount to be received by each county. Directs that county libraries must certify that there are no books or materials that appeal to the prurient interest of children under the age of 17 in certain book sections or with parental consent, prior to receiving the allocated funds.

Amended Proviso 27.1 for full Senate hearing during the week of April 21st:

27.1. (LIB: Aid to Counties Libraries Allotment) The amount appropriated in this section for "Aid to County Libraries" shall be allotted to each county on a per capita basis according to the official United States Census For 2020, as aid to the County Library. No county shall be allocated less than \$150,000 under this provision. *Counties shall receive their allocations in two equal parts* To receive this aid, local library support shall not be less than the amount actually expended for library operations from local sources in the second preceding year. Prior to receiving any *each* of these funds *allocations*, county libraries must certify to the State Library *and have an adopted policy in place* that their county libraries do not offer any books or materials that appeal to the prurient interest of children under the age of seventeen in children's, youth, or teen book sections of libraries and are only made available with explicit parental consent. *Failure to provide these certifications in a manner satisfactory to the State Library shall result in the immediate withholding of the allocation. If the local Legislative Delegation presents evidence that these requirements are not being met by a county library, the delegation may request a comprehensive review of the certification by the State Library. All remaining funds shall be withheld until the State Library verifies full compliance with these requirements and issues a written determination of compliance to the delegation.*