

(1) To provide leadership and guidance for the planning and coordinated development of library and information service in the State;

(2) To develop statewide public library and school library services, and library networks, resource centers, and other arrangements as will meet the library and information needs of the State;

(3) To provide professional and technical advisory services to public library and school library officials, to State government agencies, and others for the purpose of improving library services in the State;

(4) To collect library statistics and other data; to identify and provide for needed research and studies of library needs; and to publish and disseminate findings in these areas;

(5) To coordinate library services with other information and educational services and agencies;

(6) To administer federal and State funds appropriated to it by the State for library purposes provided for in this subtitle;

(7) To develop and recommend professional standards and policies for libraries;

(8) To establish requirements and procedures for the certification of librarians and other library personnel operating under this subtitle;

(9) To provide specialized library service to the visually and/or otherwise physically handicapped persons throughout the State, and to develop other specialized library services as desirable;

(10) To render encouragement, advice and assistance for the establishment, operation and coordination of libraries at State institutions and agencies; and to administer the operation of library and information services for the Department of Education;

(11) To promulgate guidelines for the administration of public libraries and to make recommendations to the State Board of Education in regards to rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this subtitle;

(12) To perform all other duties necessary for the proper operation of the library division I. I;

(13) TO COOPERATE WITH THE LIBRARY AGENCIES OF OTHER STATES AND WITH NATIONAL LIBRARY AGENCIES.

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THE INTERSTATE LIBRARY COMPACT IS HEREBY ENACTED INTO LAW AND ENTERED INTO BY THIS STATE WITH ALL STATES LEGALLY JOINING THEREIN IN THE FORM SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

#### INTERSTATE LIBRARY COMPACT

(A) NO POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE SHALL BE PARTY TO A LIBRARY AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE OF A LIBRARY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SUBDIVISION (C-7) OF THE COMPACT, NOR PLEDGE ITS