

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 199
HOUSE BILL 829

AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATEMENTS OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF STATE
LIBRARY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 125-2(4) is rewritten as follows:

"(4) To purchase and maintain collections of books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, films, audiovisual and other materials; to subscribe to computerized databases; to provide other resources, services and programs; and to serve as an information distribution center for State government and the people of the State as a means for the promotion of knowledge, education, commerce and business in the State. The scope of the library's collections, resources and services should be determined by the Secretary of Cultural Resources upon consideration of the recommendations of the State Library Commission; and in making these decisions, the Secretary shall take into account the collections, resources and services of other libraries throughout the State and the availability of such collections, resources and services to the general public. All materials owned by the State Library shall be available for free circulation to libraries and to all citizens of the State under rules and regulations fixed by the librarian, except that the librarian may restrict the circulation of books and other materials which, because they are rare or are used intensively in the library for reference purposes or for other good reasons, should be retained in the library at all times. The public schools shall be given equal priority in borrowing all films which are available for circulation."

Sec. 2. G.S. 125-2(5) is amended by changing the comma after the phrase "and collections" to a period and deleting the remaining text of the subdivision.

Sec. 3. G.S. 125-2 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(5a) To provide for the establishment and maintenance of union catalogs."

Sec. 4. G.S. 125-2(7) is repealed.

Sec. 5. G.S. 125-2(9) is rewritten as follows:

"(9) To provide library services to blind and physically handicapped readers of North Carolina by making available to them books and other reading materials in braille, or sound recordings or any other medium used by the blind and physically handicapped; to enter into contracts and agreements with appropriate libraries and other organizations for the purposes of serving the blind and physically handicapped; to enter into contracts with library agencies of other states for providing library service to the blind and physically handicapped of those states, provided adequate compensation is paid for such service and such contract is otherwise advantageous to this State."

Sec. 6. G.S. 125-2(10) is amended by deleting the period at the end of the sentence and adding a new phrase to read:

"; and to assist nonprofit corporations in organization and operation for the purposes of cooperative programs."

Sec. 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 1987.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of May, 1987.