

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2437

By: Mass and Bonny of the House

and

Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries; authorizing the Department to enter into contracts for literacy services with certain entities; amending 65 O.S. 2001, Sections 3-101 and 3-109, which relate to the creation and duties of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries; clarifying location of headquarters of the Department; specifying location and duties of the Jan Eric Cartwright Memorial Library; authorizing the Department to expand the Allen Wright Memorial Library for certain purposes; prohibiting use of certain monies for expansion of library; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-107.1 of Title 65, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries may enter into contracts for literacy services with library-based programs or community literacy councils, including but not limited to nonprofit corporations holding a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(a), and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3).

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 65 O.S. 2001, Section 3-101, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-101. A. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries is hereby created. The Department shall be the official library agency of the state and shall discharge the responsibilities and exercise the authority of the state with respect to all public and special libraries. The Department shall cooperate with other state agencies, local units of government, federal agencies and private individuals and organizations with respect to library facilities and services, or any allied or related facilities and services. ~~The Oklahoma State Library is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the Department, and all property, facilities, funds, services and powers of The Oklahoma State Library are hereby transferred to the Department.~~ The Department shall be responsible for the receipt and administration of all state funds and such federal funds as may be administered by a state agency, may receive and administer private and other funds, for libraries, library services or any allied or related services.

B. The Department shall have its headquarters and shall maintain The State Library at the Allen Wright Memorial Library in the State Capitol area, ~~which library is hereby continued as heretofore provided.~~

C. Branches or offices of the Department may be established under such conditions and terms and in such locations within the state as are deemed necessary.

D. The Jan Eric Cartwright Memorial Library, which shall be located in the State Capitol Building, shall provide law library and legislative reference services for state government and the citizens of Oklahoma.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 65 O.S. 2001, Section 3-109, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-109. A. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries is authorized to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and hold title to and dispose of lands and buildings and other facilities, and

materials, motor vehicles or other equipment, or to erect and equip buildings necessary in effecting the purposes of this Code.

B. The Department may expand the Allen Wright Memorial Library for the purpose of providing space that will serve as a repository and research center for Oklahoma state records pursuant to the Records Management Act and Sections 305 through 317 of Title 67 of the Oklahoma Statutes and to provide space for other Department of Libraries functions as it deems necessary. No monies available to the Department for agency operations shall be used for this expansion project.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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