

Introduced by Senator WolkFebruary 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 18015 of the Education Code, relating to public libraries.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 683, as introduced, Wolk. Public library services: foundation program.

Existing law declares that certain provisions relating to public library finance effects a state policy that each public library provide a minimum level of service, known as the foundation program, to the extent state funds are made available for that purpose. Existing law defines the foundation program as those elements of library service which are basic to its function as a provider of information, education, and cultural enrichment to all segments of the community, including, but not limited to, collection development and maintenance, lending services, information services, facility maintenance, and administration. Existing law excludes from the foundation program major capital improvements, which, for purposes of these provisions, is defined as the purchase of real property, the construction or improvement of buildings, and the purchase of equipment and the payment of fees or other costs in connection with the same.

This bill would include technology services in the definition of the foundation program. The bill would also exclude from the meaning of major capital improvements, the purchase of equipment and the payment of fees or other costs in connection with the same.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18015 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 18015. As used in this chapter:

4 (a) “Public library” means a library, or two or more libraries,
5 operated as a single entity by one or more public jurisdictions and
6 ~~which serve~~ *that serves* the general public without distinction.

7 (b) “Foundation program” means those elements of library
8 service ~~which~~ *that* are basic to its function as a provider of
9 information, education, and cultural enrichment to all segments
10 of the community, including, but not limited to, collection
11 development and maintenance, lending services, information *and*
12 *technology* services, facility maintenance, and administration. The
13 foundation program shall not include major capital improvements,
14 which, for purposes of this chapter, shall be defined as the purchase
15 of real ~~property~~, *property and* the construction or improvement of
16 ~~buildings, and the purchase of equipment and the payment of fees~~
17 ~~or other costs in connection with the same.~~ *buildings.*

18 (c) “Fiscal officer” means, for a municipal library, the chief
19 fiscal officer of the municipality; for a county library or a library
20 district under the jurisdiction of the county board of supervisors,
21 the chief fiscal officer of the county; and for an independent library
22 district, the chief librarian of the district. In the case of a public
23 library ~~which~~ *that* provides foundation program service by contract
24 to one or more jurisdictions in addition to the jurisdiction or
25 jurisdictions with which it is affiliated, the chief fiscal officer of
26 the jurisdiction with which it is primarily affiliated shall be deemed
27 the fiscal officer for the public library for ~~the~~ purposes of this
28 chapter.