

Amendment # 9 [TRA]

Language

REPRESENTATIVE STAVRINAKIS PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

SECTION 27 - STATE LIBRARY

NEW

27.cl. (LIB: Content Licensing) From the funds appropriated to the State Library that are not allocated for Distribution to Subdivisions, the State Library shall:

(1) license content with unlimited simultaneous access rights to make certain that users are never turned away from a digital content item and to allow broad classroom use for both K-12 and academic institutions, to ensure the value of the state's investment is fully leveraged;

(2) only license content that can be accessed easily by one or two clicks without a library card or a South Carolina state identification card, i.e. geo-located authentication;

(3) only license content on platforms optimized for use on mobile phones;

~~(4) license content that is intellectually accessible to the general population and can serve the needs of many, rather than scholarly research content more appropriate for a university research library;~~

(5) license collections to support traditionally underserved populations, focusing on early literacy, reluctant readers, health and wellness, job skills, personal finance, and aging; and

~~(6) only license full text collections, not indexes or tools to recommend texts that cannot be accessed freely;~~

The State Library is prohibited from using appropriated funds to license reference products where the same information is easily found in free online products such as Wikipedia and shall not license databases of articles from mainstream newspapers and magazines since these can almost always be accessed free online and are easily discovered through Internet search engines such as Google, etc.