

75-2556. Grants-in-aid to libraries; annual reports of population and tax information; determination of amount of and eligibility for aid; payment dates. (a) The state librarian shall determine the amount of the grant-in-aid each eligible local public library is to receive based on the latest population census figures as certified by the division of the budget.

(b) Except as provided by subsection (d), no local public library shall be eligible for any state grants-in-aid if the total amount of the following paragraphs is less than the total amount produced from such sources for the same library for the previous year, based on the information contained in the official annual budgets of municipalities that are filed with the division of accounts and reports in accordance with K.S.A. 79-2930, and amendments thereto:

(1) The amount produced by the local ad valorem tax levies for the current year expenses for such library;

(2) the amount of moneys received from the local ad valorem tax reduction fund for current year expenses for such library;

(3) the amount of moneys received from taxes levied upon motor vehicles under the provisions of K.S.A. 79-5101 et seq., and amendments thereto, for current year expenses for such library; and

(4) the amount of moneys received in the current year from collections of unpaid local ad valorem tax levies for prior year expenses for such library.

(c) Local public library districts in which the assessed valuation decreases shall remain eligible for state grants-in-aid so long as the ad valorem tax mill rate for the support of such library has not been reduced below the mill rate imposed for such purpose for the previous year.

(d) If a local public library fails to qualify for eligibility for any state grants-in-aid under subsection (b), the state librarian shall have the power to continue the eligibility of a local public library for any state grants-in-aid if the state librarian, after evaluation of all the circumstances, determines that the legislative intent for maintenance of local tax levy support for the on-going operations of the library is being met by the library district.

(e) The distribution so determined shall be apportioned and paid on February 15 of each year.

History: L. 1974, ch. 381, § 4; L. 1974, ch. 382, § 2; L. 1981, ch. 330, § 2; L. 1985, ch. 274, § 1; L. 1994, ch. 20, § 2; L. 1998, ch. 24, § 2; July 1.