

5244

2011-2012 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

May 3, 2011

Introduced by Sen. McDONALD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the state library to be open for at least eight hours each day on five days every week

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 249 of the education law is amended to read as  
2 follows:  
3 S 249. State library, when open; use of books. The state library  
4 shall be kept open [not less than] AT LEAST eight hours [every week]  
5 EACH day ON FIVE DAYS EVERY WEEK in the year except the legal holidays  
6 known as Independence day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day[, and  
7 members]. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT THE REGENTS FROM OPEN-  
8 ING THE STATE LIBRARY ON OTHER DAYS AND TIMES. MEMBERS of the legisla-  
9 ture, judges of the court of appeals, justices of the supreme court and  
10 heads of state departments may borrow from the library books for use in  
11 Albany, but shall be subject to such restrictions and penalties as may  
12 be prescribed by the regents for the safety or greater usefulness of the  
13 library. Under such rules and conditions as the regents may prescribe,  
14 the state library may lend its books and printed material for a limited  
15 time to other individuals and institutions conforming to said rules and  
16 conditions. Such service shall be free to residents of this state as  
17 far as practicable, but the regents may, in their discretion, charge a  
18 proper fee to nonresidents or for assistance of a personal nature or for  
19 other reason not properly an expense to the state, but which may be  
20 authorized for the accommodation of users of the library.  
21 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

LBD09852-02-1