

Committee on Governmental Oversight And Accountability

HB 553 — Public Libraries

by Rep. Perry (SB 434 by Senator Detert)

The bill revises the powers and duties of the Division of Library and Information Services (Division) within the Department of State. The Division is required to coordinate with the Division of Blind Services of the Department of Education in the provision of library services to the blind and physically handicapped persons. Additionally, the bill establishes the State Publications Program requiring each state official, department, court, or agency to designate a state publications liaison who is required to maintain a list of their respective entity's state publications and to furnish an updated list to the Division by December 31 of each year.

The duties of the State Library Council are expanded to include advising and assisting the Division with planning, policy, and priorities related to the development of statewide information services. The composition of the Council is modified to require:

- a. Three members to represent Florida public libraries;
- b. Two members to represent the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative;
- c. One member to represent a multi-type library cooperative;
- d. One member to represent a school library media center;
- e. One member to represent the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida; and
- f. One member to represent a Florida library professional association.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 117-0