

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 777

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

LIBRARIES: Provides relative to the use of public funds

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 25:217.2, relative to the use of public funds; to prohibit public officials and  
3 public employees from using public funds for transactions with the American  
4 Library Association; to provide criminal penalties for violations; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 25:217.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §217.2. Prohibited use of public funds

9 A. No public official or employee shall appropriate, allocate, reimburse, or  
10 otherwise or in any way expend public funds to or with the American Library  
11 Association or its successor.

12 B. No public employee shall request or receive reimbursement or  
13 remuneration in any form for continuing education or for attending a conference if  
14 the continuing education or conference was sponsored or conducted, in whole or in  
15 part, by the American Library Association or its successor.

16 C. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand  
17 dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or  
18 both.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the use of public funds for transactions involving the American Library Assoc.

Proposed law prohibits a public official or employee from expending public funds to or with the American Library Assoc. Further prohibits a public employee from requesting or receiving reimbursement or remuneration in any form for continuing education or for attending a conference if the continuing education or conference was sponsored or conducted, in whole or in part, by the American Library Assoc.

Proposed law provides that a person who violates proposed law shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

(Adds R.S. 25:217.2)