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Senate Bill 611 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Peter MacGregor
Committee: Judiciary and Public Safety

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Library Privacy Act to do the following:

- Allow a library or an employee or agent of a library to disclose library records without a court order or written consent under certain circumstances, including to report information about the delinquent account of a patron who obtained materials from the library to a collection agency and to disclose records to another library or a library cooperative for the purpose of conducting an interlibrary loan.
- Allow a court to grant equitable relief to a person who brought a civil action against a library or an employee or agent of a library for a violation of the Act's disclosure provisions.
- Specify that an employee or agent of a library who knowingly violated the Act would be subject to liability to a person identified in a library record that was released or disclosed improperly; and allow the person to bring a civil action against the employee or agent if he or she knowingly violated the Act.
- Require a civil action to be brought within 180 days of the release or disclosure.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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