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A bill for an act

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relating to education; establishing a state school librarian; amending Minnesota

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Statutes 2022, section 134.31, by adding a subdivision.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 1a. **State school librarian.** (a) The Department of Education must employ a state

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school librarian within the State Library Services Division of the department to provide

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technical assistance to licensed school library media specialists and licensed school librarians.

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The state school librarian must be or have been a licensed school library media specialist.

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(b) The state school librarian must collaborate with department staff in the areas of

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academic standards development, data collection from district and charter schools,

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administering state library aid, and monitoring district compliance. The state school librarian

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must support district and charter schools on issues of intellectual freedom, media and digital

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literacy, and growing lifelong readers. The state school librarian must share information

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about available grant funds and resources, work with the Professional Educator Licensing

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and Standards Board to support licensure acquisition, and provide professional development

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for licensed school library media specialists and licensed school librarians.

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(c) The state school librarian must report to the director of State Library Services.