

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 60
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that public junior college libraries struggle to donate old books due to strict state surplus property laws, leading librarians to discard materials that could benefit the community. S.B. 60 seeks to reduce waste and make it easier for libraries to support local need by authorizing public junior colleges to donate certain library materials as determined by the library staff.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 60 amends the Education Code to authorize a public junior college library to donate library materials to any person or organization if the library materials, as determined by library staff, duplicate library materials that are a part of the library's collection or are no longer appropriate for inclusion in the library's collection due to age, condition, or obsolete content, and have little or no monetary value. The bill defines "library materials" as periodicals, books, e-books, tapes, and other media.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.