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SENATE BILL **214**

AN ACT relative to the applicability of the right-to-know law to public libraries.

SPONSORS: Sen. Forrester, Dist 2; Sen. Barnes, Jr., Dist 17; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16;
Rep. Chandler, Carr 1; Rep. Accornero, Belk 4; Rep. Greemore, Belk 3

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the right-to-know law is applicable to public libraries established or accepted by a town or city.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

AN ACT relative to the applicability of the right-to-know law to public libraries.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 96:1 New Section; Records and Meetings Subject to Right-to-Know Law. Amend RSA 202-A by
2 inserting after section 3 the following new section:

3 202-A:3-a Records and Meetings Subject to Right-to-Know Law. A public library established or
4 accepted by a town or city shall be deemed a “public agency,” and the library trustees a “public body,”
5 for purposes of RSA 91-A, and they shall be subject to all applicable provisions of that chapter;
6 provided, however, that any books, documents, records, or other information maintained by a public
7 library that is exempted or protected from disclosure by other provisions of law shall not be subject to
8 disclosure under RSA 91-A.

9 96:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

10 Approved: May 29, 2012

11 Effective Date: July 28, 2012