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Sponsor: Assemblymen Hardy et al.

The board of trustees of a local school district may grant the use of high school libraries to the public outside of regular school hours. Any member of the general public who holds a library card issued from a public library may use the school district library.

The board of trustees may enter into cooperative agreements with any public library governing boards or authorities for staffing and resources. The board may not request reimbursement for the costs associated with use of the library by the general public. The board may solicit and accept funds to defray the costs associated with opening the public school libraries to the general public. The board may enhance its outreach efforts.

Proponents: In Washoe County, the school district and the public libraries have successfully cooperated to establish a program of joint use of the libraries. The grant of authority allows the discretion of the board of trustees. It provides flexibility to allow districts to seek grant funding.

Opponents: None

Comment that this legislation is unnecessary. Local governments can already do this, as is evidenced by the agreement between the Washoe County Library and the Washoe County School District.

Fiscal Impact:

Proposed Amendments: None