



## OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET

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August 15, 2018

The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker  
Georgia House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol Building  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor  
Georgia State Senate  
240 State Capitol Building  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Review of the State Board for the Certification of Librarians pursuant to the Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Law

Dear Speaker Ralston and Lieutenant Governor Cagle,

Pursuant to the Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Law, O.C.G.A. § 43-1A-1, *et seq.*, the Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council examined the current professional and business conditions of the state to determine the applicability and necessity of the State Board for the Certification of Librarians' authority. The Council considered the five criteria enumerated at O.C.G.A. § 43-1A-6 and did not conclude that changes to the Board's regulations are needed or that the Board's existence is no longer necessary or in the interest of the state. However, the Council does recommend the legislature pursue legislation mandating background checks for prospective certified librarians to be employed by public libraries in the state.

Kerri Wilson, Chairperson  
Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council

**NOTE: The next Occupational Regulation Review Council meeting regarding the State Board for the Certification of Librarians will be held by conference call on August 20, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Dale Brantley at (404) 651-9421 or [dale.brantley@opb.georgia.gov](mailto:dale.brantley@opb.georgia.gov) for dial-in information.**