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## Board of Directors Action Form

To: ACRL Board of Directors

Subject: 2020 ACRL Legislative Agenda

Submitted by: Amy Bush, Chair, ACRL Government Relations Committee

Date submitted: March 2, 2020

### Background

ACRL's annual Legislative Agenda lists objectives for legislative action at the national level on policy issues that affect the welfare of academic and research libraries. The document focuses on issues the U.S. Congress has recently taken action on, or will act on, in the year ahead. Additional issues of great concern that lack pending legislation, have been placed on a Watch List and attached to the 2020 ACRL Legislative Agenda.

This document is issued each spring, prior to National Library Legislative Day, and focuses on issues that the U.S. Congress has recently taken, or will likely take, action on in the year ahead. ACRL is active in advocating for policy and legislation through the ALA Washington Office, as well as through coalition work with groups such as the Open Access Working Group and the Library Copyright Alliance (LCA).

### Stakeholders

The committee contacted, by email, the ACRL Committee Chairs and ACRL Leaders (acrl-leads). We requested their input and suggestions for items to include on the Legislative Agenda and asked that they share this request with their respective committees. From the received suggestions, the Government Relations Committee voted and decided to include Data Privacy.

In developing this year's Legislative Agenda and Watch List, the ALA Washington Office was a valuable source of information. Our staff liaison, Kara Malenfant, was invaluable throughout the entire process and staff from ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy office in Washington, DC. reviewed the rough draft of the Legislative Agenda and provided valuable insight and suggestions for improvement. Their support was greatly appreciated.

### Fiscal and Staffing Impact

If approved, staff will add the 2020 Legislative Agenda to the ACRL website and promote it through ACRL marketing channels.

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## Action Recommended

That the ACRL Board of Directors approves the 2020 ACRL Legislative Agenda

## Strategic Goal Area Supported

Please see the [ACRL Strategic Plan](#), and select from the drop-down the goal area that will be affected most by this action.

☐ Value of Academic Libraries

Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

☐ Student Learning

Goal: Advance innovative practices and environments that transform student learning.

☐ Research and Scholarly Environment

Goal: Librarians accelerate the transition to more open and equitable systems of scholarship.

☐ New Roles and Changing Landscapes

Goal: Academic and research library workforce effectively navigates change in higher education environments.

☒ Enabling Programs and Services

ACRL programs, services, and publications that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.