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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elementary and Secondary Education - Textbook Funding for Private**  
3 **Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that State fund disbursement for private school  
5 textbooks occur only under certain conditions.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Education  
8 Section 7-106  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Education**

14 7-106.

15 (a) On the recommendation of the county superintendent and subject to the  
16 provisions of this article, each county board shall adopt procedures for the selection  
17 and purchase of the following necessary items, at the lowest price consistent with  
18 good quality, for use in the public schools:

- 19 (1) Textbooks;
- 20 (2) Supplementary readers;
- 21 (3) Materials of instruction;
- 22 (4) Visual and auditory aids;
- 23 (5) Stationery; and
- 24 (6) School supplies.

1 (b) (1) Each county board shall adopt procedures for the selection and  
2 purchase for use in each public school library or media center of a collection of books  
3 and auditory and visual materials concerning African American history.

4 (2) The collection in each library or media center shall be appropriate for  
5 students in each age group and reading level in the school.

6 (c) Each county board shall furnish the materials and supplies listed in  
7 subsection (a) of this section:

8 (1) Free of cost for use in the public schools; and

9 (2) In sufficient quantities for the different grades in the public schools.

10 (D) DISBURSEMENT OF STATE FUNDS FOR TEXTBOOKS FOR A PRIVATE  
11 SCHOOL SHALL OCCUR ONLY UPON RECEIPT BY THE RESPONSIBLE STATE  
12 DISBURSING OFFICER OF A SIGNED WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE COUNTY  
13 SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH A RECIPIENT PRIVATE SCHOOL IS  
14 LOCATED ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS  
15 SECTION HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2000.