

HOUSE BILL 653

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By: ~~Delegate Luedtke~~ Delegates Luedtke, Howard, and Cardin

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Deaf Culture Digital Library**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Library Development and Services in the
4 Department of Education to establish the Deaf Culture Digital Library;
5 specifying the mission, duties, and responsibilities of the Deaf Culture Digital
6 Library; and generally relating to the Deaf Culture Digital Library.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 23–105
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 23–108
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 23–105.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title,
2 and subject to the authority of the State Board, the Division of Library Development
3 and Services has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

4 (b) The Division of Library Development and Services shall:

5 (1) Provide leadership and guidance for the planning and coordinated
6 development of library and information service in this State;

7 (2) Develop statewide public and school library services and networks,
8 resource centers, and other arrangements to meet the library and information needs of
9 this State;

10 (3) Provide professional and technical advice on improving library
11 services in this State to:

12 (i) Public and school library officials;

13 (ii) State government agencies; and

14 (iii) Any other person;

15 (4) (i) Collect library statistics and other data;

16 (ii) Identify library needs and provide for needed research and
17 studies of them;

18 (iii) Publish and distribute findings in these areas; and

19 (iv) Coordinate library services with other information and
20 education services and agencies;

21 (5) Administer federal and State funds appropriated to it by the State
22 for library purposes;

23 (6) (i) Develop and recommend professional standards and policies
24 for libraries; and

25 (ii) Establish requirements and procedures for the certification
26 of librarians and library personnel;

27 (7) Provide:

28 (i) Specialized library service to the blind and other physically
29 handicapped individuals in this State; and

1 (ii) Other desirable specialized library services;

2 (8) Encourage, advise, and assist in establishing, operating, and
3 coordinating libraries at State institutions and agencies and administer the operation
4 of library and information services for the Department;

5 (9) Administer the State grant program for county public library
6 capital projects, in accordance with § 23–510 of this title;

7 (10) Adopt guidelines for the administration of public libraries and
8 recommend to the State Board rules and regulations to implement this title;

9 (11) Cooperate with national library agencies and those of any other
10 state; [and]

11 **(12) DEVELOP A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY IN**
12 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 23–108 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

13 **[(12)] (13) Perform any other duty necessary for its proper operation.**

14 **23–108.**

15 **(A) THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES SHALL**
16 **ESTABLISH THE DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY AS THE PRIMARY**
17 **INFORMATION CENTER ON DEAF RESOURCES FOR LIBRARY CUSTOMERS AND**
18 **STAFF IN THE STATE.**

19 **(B) THE DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY SHALL:**

20 **(1) CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN**
21 **LIBRARY SERVICES FOR DEAF PATRONS AND TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO**
22 **FILL THE GAPS AND BETTER COORDINATE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF;**

23 **(2) IN COORDINATION WITH THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF DEAF**
24 **AND HARD OF HEARING, DEVELOP AND PROVIDE SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR**
25 **STATE AND COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF TO HELP THEM BETTER UNDERSTAND**
26 **DEAF PATRONS AND THEIR NEEDS;**

27 **(3) DEVELOP A WEB SITE THAT WILL ALLOW FOR**
28 **INFORMATION SHARING AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEAF CULTURE**
29 **DIGITAL LIBRARY AND COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS;**

30 **(4) IN COORDINATION WITH THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY**
31 **DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES, DEVELOP DEAF-RELATED PROGRAMS AND**

1 MATERIALS AND SHARE THEM WITH COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND OTHER
2 LIBRARIES IN THE STATE;

3 (5) DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS AND STRATEGIC ALLIANCES WITH
4 ~~FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT~~ OTHER ENTITIES, INCLUDING:

5 (I) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THE DEAF AND HARD
6 OF HEARING;

7 (II) COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS;

8 (III) THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AND
9 SERVICES;

10 (IV) VETERANS' GROUPS;

11 (V) STATE AND LOCAL ARTS COUNCILS;

12 (VI) SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATIONS; AND

13 (VII) DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ORGANIZATIONS,
14 INCLUDING:

15 1. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF;

16 2. THE HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
17 AND

18 3. THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF;

19 (6) ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH
20 INFORMATION SERVICE PROVIDERS TO HELP PROVIDE VIRTUAL ACCESS TO
21 INFORMATION AND RESEARCH;

22 (7) FORM A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY
23 BOARD, THE MAJORITY OF WHOSE MEMBERS ARE ~~CULTURALLY~~ DEAF OR
24 ~~DEAF-SENSITIVE~~ HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS, TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON
25 INITIATIVES THAT FURTHER ADVANCE THE MISSION AND GOALS OF THE DEAF
26 CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY; AND

27 (8) ESTABLISH A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY "FRIENDS
28 OF THE LIBRARY" GROUP COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE STRONGLY
29 COMMITTED, WELL-POSITIONED, AND ABLE TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY

1 INVOLVEMENT, ADVOCACY, AND FUNDING FOR THE DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL
2 LIBRARY.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.