Chapter 500

(Senate Bill 430)

AN ACT concerning

Libraries – Regional Resource Centers and County Public Libraries – Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the per capita dollar amount in certain fiscal years that is required to be provided to each regional resource center and county public library system participating in the State's library program; and generally relating to the funding of libraries in Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 23–205(c) and 23–503(b)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

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(c) (1) Each year each participating regional resource center shall receive a minimum amount of funding for each resident of the area served, to be used for operating and capital expenses.

(2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows:

(i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through [2016] **2015**......\$6.75 per each resident of the area served;

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016......\$7.50 PER EACH RESIDENT OF THE AREA SERVED;

[(ii)] (III) For fiscal year 2017......[\$7.00] **\$8.25** per each resident of the area served;

[(iii)] (IV) For fiscal year 2018............[\$7.25] **\$8.50** per each resident of the area served; and

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(b) (1) Each county public library system that participates in the minimum library program shall be provided for each resident of the county, to be used for operating and capital expenses:

- (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through [2016] **2015** \$14.00;
- (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 \$15.00;
- [(ii)] (III) For fiscal year 2017 [\$14.30] **\$16.00**;
- [(iii)] (IV) For fiscal year 2018 [\$14.60] **\$16.30**; and
- [(iv)] (V) For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter –

[\$15.00**] \$16.70**.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.