

HB1401/369231/2

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1401
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “are” in line 5 down through “times” in line 6 and substitute “increase their operating hours above those as of a certain date”; in line 6, strike “State to remit to Baltimore City” and substitute “Governor to include in the State operating budget”; in line 7, strike “beginning”; in the same line, strike “a certain percentage of” and substitute “a certain amount in general funds to support”; in line 9, strike “funding for a certain percentage of” and substitute “a certain percentage match for each dollar of State funds granted to support”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 11 down through “Assembly,” in line 18 and substitute “requiring the State Department of Education to establish a certain process; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to report to the Department of Budget and Management and to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date in certain years; requiring the State Department of Education to submit a certain report to the Department of Budget and Management and to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “ARE” in line 17 down through “HOLIDAYS” in line 18 and substitute “INCREASE THEIR OPERATING HOURS ABOVE THE HOURS IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016”; in line 20, strike “AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER” and substitute “THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2022”; strike beginning with “STATE” in line 21 down through “TO” in line 22 and substitute “GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE OPERATING BUDGET \$3,000,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR”; in lines 24 and 30, in each instance, after “LIBRARY” insert “THAT, IN THAT FISCAL YEAR, WILL BE SUBJECT TO INCREASED OPERATING HOURS AS”; strike beginning with “FOR” in line 25 down through “GRANT,” in line 26 and substitute “TO RECEIVE ANY STATE FUNDS UNDER”.

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SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,; in lines 27 and 28, strike **“THE REMAINING 20% OF”** and substitute **“A 25% MATCH FOR EACH DOLLAR OF STATE FUNDS GRANTED TO SUPPORT”**; and in line 34, after **“(III)”** insert **“1.”**.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

“2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO DISTRIBUTE THE STATE GRANT TO BALTIMORE CITY OR THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY FOR THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES RELATED TO THE INCREASED HOURS OF OPERATION.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 3 through 16, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the increased operating hours of the Enoch Pratt Free Library as provided in this Act shall be prioritized to the library branches that are located in poor and underserved communities.

(b) On or before June 1, 2017, and on or before each June 1 through 2022, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall provide an annual report to the Department of Budget and Management and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that includes:

(1) a list of the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in the next fiscal year that will be subject to increased operating hours above the operating schedule in place as of January 1, 2016; and

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(2) an explanation of the selection process for the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library that will be subject to increased operating hours in the next fiscal year.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2020, the State Department of Education shall submit a report to the Department of Budget and Management and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that:

(1) includes an evaluation of the impact of the increased hours of operation of the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library;

(2) discusses the appropriateness of continued increased State funding for increased hours of operation of branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library above the hours of operation in effect as of January 1, 2016; and

(3) includes recommendations for the future of continued increased State funding for the Enoch Pratt Free Library, including new technologies and changing neighborhood demographics and characteristics.”.