

# HOUSE BILL 1401

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Enoch Pratt Free Library – Hours of Operation – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the hours and days of the week that each branch~~ requiring  
4 a State grant to be made available to fund certain operating expenses for certain  
5 branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library ~~is that are required to be open to the public~~  
6 during certain times; requiring the State to remit to Baltimore City ~~each year~~  
7 beginning in certain fiscal years a certain percentage of certain additional operating  
8 expenses of the Enoch Pratt Free Library; requiring Baltimore City to provide  
9 funding for a certain percentage of certain additional operating expenses of the  
10 Enoch Pratt Free Library; authorizing Baltimore City to use certain funds to satisfy  
11 certain requirements; providing for a certain calculation; requiring the Enoch Pratt  
12 Free Library System and the State Department of Education to conduct a needs  
13 assessment and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the  
14 Enoch Pratt Free Library System and the State Department of Education to report  
15 their findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly  
16 on or before a certain date; providing that the remittance of certain State funds to  
17 Baltimore City for a certain fiscal year is contingent on the submission of certain  
18 findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly; and  
19 generally relating to the hours of operation of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Education

22 Section 23–402(a)

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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 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Education**

6 23–402.

7 (a) (1) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be governed by the  
8 requirements and regulations pertaining to the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore City  
9 as provided in Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1882 and any other laws applicable to the  
10 operation of public libraries.

11 (2) The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free  
12 Library are as provided in Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1882 and the Charter and the Articles  
13 of Incorporation of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and other laws applicable to the Board of  
14 Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

15 (3) ~~EACH BRANCH A STATE GRANT SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO~~  
16 ~~FUND THE INCREASED OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE BRANCHES OF THE ENOCH~~  
17 ~~PRATT FREE LIBRARY SHALL THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 7~~  
18 ~~DAYS A WEEK FROM 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M., EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS.~~

19 (4) (I) ~~AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, BEGINNING WITH~~  
20 ~~FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,~~  
21 ~~THE STATE SHALL REMIT TO BALTIMORE CITY EACH YEAR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO~~  
22 ~~80% OF THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES RELATED TO THE INCREASED~~  
23 ~~HOURS OF OPERATION OF ALL THE BRANCHES OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE~~  
24 ~~LIBRARY PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

25 (II) 1. ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR~~  
26 ~~THEREAFTER, IN ORDER TO ACCESS THE STATE GRANT, BALTIMORE CITY SHALL BE~~  
27 ~~RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FUNDING EACH YEAR FOR PROVIDE THE REMAINING~~  
28 ~~20% OF THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES RELATED TO THE INCREASED~~  
29 ~~HOURS OF OPERATION OF ALL THE BRANCHES OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE~~  
30 ~~LIBRARY PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

31 2. ~~BALTIMORE CITY MAY USE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE~~  
32 ~~FUNDS TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS~~  
33 ~~SUBPARAGRAPH.~~

34 (III) IN CALCULATING THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES  
35 OF THE INCREASED HOURS OF OPERATION, THE BASELINE HOURS OF OPERATION

1 OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY ARE THOSE HOURS OF  
2 OPERATION IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Enoch Pratt Free Library  
4 System and the State Department of Education shall:

5 (1) conduct a needs assessment and make recommendations regarding  
6 which branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library would benefit the most from increased  
7 operating hours, with branches in low-income neighborhoods to be given priority  
8 consideration in any recommendations; and

9 (2) on or before December 31, 2016, report their findings and  
10 recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the  
11 Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the remittance of State funds  
13 to Baltimore City for fiscal year 2018, as required under Section 1 of this Act, is contingent  
14 on the submission of the findings and recommendations to the Senate Budget and Taxation  
15 Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, as required under Section 2 of this  
16 Act.

17 SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2016.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.