



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: Senate Bill 466 - Public Libraries - State Library Resource Center - Funding

SPONSOR: Senator King, *et al.*

HEARING DATE: February 12, 2020

COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

CONTACT: Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 466**, which increases the per capita funding amounts that must be provided to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) beginning in fiscal 2022.

The State Library Resource Center provides the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) online databases for customer access. This includes *HeritageQuest*, Kids Infobits (for K-12 research), and Mango Languages, our online tutorial for learning a new language. In addition, SLRC provides inter library loans for customers when PGCMLS does not own the print resource. The center is also a resource for librarians who need assistance locating a book or answering a difficult reference question for customers.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Senate Bill 466** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.