

SENATE BILL 163

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SB 108/22 – EHE

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Ellis**

Requested: November 1, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County Public Library – Imagination Library Program – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Charles County Public Library to partner with an
4 Imagination Library Program to provide free books to children up to a certain age;
5 requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation
6 to the Charles County Public Library for certain fiscal years; providing for the
7 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Charles County Public Library.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 23–510

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **23–510.**

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) “IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM RUN BY
20 A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES FREE BOOKS TO CHILDREN UP TO 5
21 YEARS OF AGE.

22 (3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY PARTNER WITH AN**
2 **IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE BOOKS TO CHILDREN.**

3 **(C) IF THE CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH AN**
4 **IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR**
5 **ALL OVERHEAD EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE SELECTION, ORDERING, AND MAILING**
6 **OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS.**

7 **(D) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2035, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
8 **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHARLES**
9 **COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY OF \$2.10 FOR EACH CHILD REGISTERED IN THE**
10 **PROGRAM FOR EACH MONTH THAT THE CHILD IS REGISTERED IN THE PROGRAM.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 10 years and, at the end of June 30, 2034,
13 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
14 of no further force and effect.