

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 43 (Delegate Hixson, et al.)
Ways and Means

Referred to Budget and Taxation

Public Libraries - Funding

This amended bill increases the mandatory funding for each county public library system that participates in the County-State Minimum Library Program from \$8.25 to \$9.25 for each county resident.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$2.1 million in FY 1997. Future year expenditures are adjusted for projected population changes. Revenues would not be affected.

(\$ in millions)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
GF Expenditures	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
Net Effect	(\$2.1)	(\$2.1)	(\$2.2)	(\$2.2)	(\$2.2)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: State-aid to local governments would increase by \$2.1 million in FY 1997.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The State provides 40% of the total cost of the Minimum Library Program. The State share of the total is divided among the counties according to their relative wealth, with no county receiving less than 20% of its minimum program. Four counties (Howard, Montgomery, Talbot, and Worcester) receive the minimum State share.

The Department of Fiscal Services advises that under this bill the State portion of the library program would increase from \$17.5 million to \$19.6 million in fiscal 1997, representing a \$2.1 million, or 12%, increase over current law. Future year expenditures total \$19.8 million in fiscal 1998 to \$20.4 million in fiscal 2001, reflecting a \$2.1 million and \$2.2 million respective increase over current law. Future year expenditure increases reflect projected State population increases.

Local Revenues: State-aid to local governments would increase by \$2.1 million in fiscal 1997. The county-by-county impact is illustrated in Exhibit 1.

Local Expenditures: Mandatory local library expenditures would not be affected in that county governments already contribute funding in excess of the local share of the \$9.25 program required under this bill.

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