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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Libraries - Regional Resource Centers - Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of allocating a certain annual payment for each resident of the area
4 served to the regional resource centers for the public libraries in the State.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Education
7 Section 23-205
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Education**

13 23-205.

14 (a) Each year, the Department may include in its budget operating funds for:

- 15 (1) The State Library Resource Center;
- 16 (2) Each regional resource center; and
- 17 (3) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

1 (b) (1) The State shall pay all capital expenses for:

2 (i) The State Library Resource Center; and

3 (ii) Each regional resource center.

4 (2) Before any money is spent under this subsection, the appropriate
5 board of library trustees shall:

6 (i) Have the project approved by the Department;

7 (ii) Through the Department, submit the request to the
8 Department of Budget and Management for consideration under Subtitle 6, Title 3 of
9 the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

10 (iii) Agree to reimburse the Department an amount the Department
11 determines if the facility ceases to be used for a resource center or cooperative service
12 program.

13 (C) ~~(A)~~ EACH YEAR EACH PARTICIPATING REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER
14 SHALL RECEIVE \$3 \$1.60 FOR EACH RESIDENT OF THE AREA SERVED, TO BE USED FOR
15 OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENSES.

16 ~~(B)~~ ~~THE STATE AND THE AREAS SERVED SHALL SHARE IN THE~~
17 ~~EXPENSES.~~

18 [(c)] (D) (1) The Department shall:

19 (i) Disburse funds to the State and regional resource centers and
20 metropolitan cooperative service programs; and

21 (ii) Require that these funds be used subject to any conditions
22 specified by the appropriating agency or imposed under this subtitle.

23 (2) The Department may authorize the State Comptroller to withhold
24 funds from any regional resource center or metropolitan cooperative service program
25 that fails to meet the standards adopted by the Department.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 1998.