

SENATE BILL 473

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By: **Senators Sfikas, McFadden, Conway, and Kelley**
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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Libraries - Minimum Library Program - Maintenance of Effort**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the counties from using State funding intended for
4 the minimal library program for any other obligation of local funding for
5 libraries.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 23-507
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Education**

14 23-507.

15 (A) A COUNTY MAY NOT USE STATE FUNDING INTENDED FOR THE MINIMUM
16 LIBRARY PROGRAM TO MEET ANY OTHER OBLIGATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF
17 LOCAL FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES.

18 (B) The State Superintendent shall authorize the State Comptroller to
19 withhold State funds from any county that fails:

20 (1) To appropriate the amount of its share of the minimum program; or

21 (2) To meet the requirements of the law or of the State Board for
22 operating the county library.

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