

SENATE BILL 473

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By: **Senators Sfikas, McFadden, Conway, and Kelley**
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CHAPTER _____

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 requiring a certain appropriation by local governments in order to~~
6 ~~receive certain funding increases in the minimum library program; and~~
7 ~~generally relating to funding of the minimum library program.~~

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 23-507
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 23-507.

17 (A) ~~A COUNTY MAY NOT USE STATE FUNDING INTENDED FOR THE MINIMUM~~
18 ~~LIBRARY PROGRAM TO MEET ANY OTHER OBLIGATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF~~
19 ~~LOCAL FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN THE STATE~~
20 ~~SHARE OF THE MINIMUM LIBRARY PROGRAM. A COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL~~
21 ~~APPROPRIATE LOCAL FUNDS FOR THE MINIMUM LIBRARY PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT~~
22 ~~NO LESS THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.~~

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

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

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

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 ~~October 1~~ July 1, 1998.