

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 1233 (Delegate Taylor. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Public Libraries - Regional Resource Centers - Funding

This bill establishes a funding formula for the State's regional resource centers in the amount of at least \$1.70 for each resident in the area served by the resource center.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$115,000 in FY 1999. Future year expenditures reflect population growth. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expend.	115,000	129,000	142,600	156,200	169,800
Net Effect	(\$115,000)	(\$129,000)	(\$142,600)	(\$156,200)	(\$169,800)

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

Local Effect: State funding would increase by \$8,300 for the Eastern Shore Regional Resource Center, by \$76,400 for the Southern Maryland Regional Resource Center and by \$30,300 for the Western Maryland Regional Resource Center.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The State operates three regional resource centers that provide coordination and services to libraries outside of the State's metropolitan areas. These services include consulting and training, cataloging and materials processing, regional databases, electronic magazine access, automated circulation and catalog systems, electronic networking, and rotating collections. The three regional resource centers are located in Salisbury (Eastern Shore), Charlotte Hall (Southern Maryland), and Hagerstown (Western Maryland). The fiscal 1999 State budget includes \$1,234,420 in funding for the regional resource centers. **Exhibit 1** shows the level of State funding at each regional resource center for fiscal 1999.

Exhibit 1
Current State Funding for Regional Resource Centers

Resource Center	FY 1999 State Funding	Per Capita Funding
Eastern Shore	\$480,053	\$1.62
Southern Maryland	\$363,876	\$1.36
Western Maryland	\$345,491	\$1.50
Special Grant*	\$45,000	n/a
Total Funding	\$1,234,420	n/a

**Special grant rotates among the resource centers each year. In fiscal 1999, Southern Maryland receives the special grant.*

This bill establishes a funding formula for regional resource centers in the amount of at least \$1.70 for each resident in the area served by the resource center. As shown in **Exhibit 2**, mandatory funding for regional resource centers would total at least \$1,349,460 in fiscal 1999, an increase of \$115,040 over existing State funding.

Exhibit 2
Proposed Funding for Regional Resource Centers - FY 1999

Resource Center	Population	Proposed Grant Amount	Current Grant Amount	Funding Increase
Eastern Shore	296,100	\$503,370	\$480,053	\$8,317
Southern Maryland*	267,800	\$455,260	\$408,876	\$76,384
Western Maryland	229,900	\$390,830	\$345,491	\$30,339
Total		\$1,349,460	\$1,234,420	\$115,040

*Note: **Eastern Shore** includes Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties. **Southern Maryland** includes Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. **Western Maryland** includes Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties*

**Southern Maryland receives the \$45,000 special grant in fiscal 1999.*

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