

**Department of Legislative Services**  
 Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 255 (Chairman. Ways & Means Committee and The Speaker. *et al.*)  
 (Administration)

Ways and Means

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**Public Libraries - Funding**

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This Administration bill increases the mandatory funding for each county public library system that participates in the County-State Minimum Library Program from \$9.25 to \$10.75 for each county resident in fiscal 1999. The per capita grant increases to \$11 in fiscal 2000 and to \$11.50 beginning in fiscal 2001.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The proposed FY 1999 State budget includes \$3.2 million for increased library funding, contingent upon the enactment of this legislation. Future year expenditures reflect per capita grant and population increases. 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 Expenditures	3,206,100	3,767,300	4,877,700	4,911,800	4,957,000
Net Effect	(\$3,206,100)	(\$3,767,300)	(\$4,877,700)	(\$4,911,800)	(\$4,957,000)

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

**Local Effect:** State aid to local governments would increase by \$3.2 million in FY 1999. Future year State aid increases to \$4.95 million by FY 2003.

**Small Business Effect:** None. A small business impact statement was not provided by the Administration in time for inclusion in this fiscal note. A revised fiscal note will be issued when the Administration's assessment becomes available.

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### Fiscal Analysis

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

Pursuant to this bill, the State portion of the County-State Minimum Library Program would increase from \$19.75 million to \$22.95 million in fiscal 1999, representing a \$3.2 million (16%) increase over current law. As shown in **Exhibit 1** future year expenditures increase by \$3.8 million in fiscal 2000 and by \$4.9 million in fiscal 2001, reflecting the bill's per capita grant increases and population increases. Future year expenditures would reflect population growth only.

#### Exhibit 1

Fiscal Year	Per Capita Grant	Additional State Aid
1999	\$10.75	\$3.2 million
2000	\$11.00	\$3.8 million
2001	\$11.50	\$4.9 million

**Local Effect:** State aid to local governments would increase by \$3.2 million in fiscal 1999, increasing to \$3.8 million in fiscal 2000 and \$4.9 million by fiscal 2001. **Exhibit 2** shows the fiscal impact for fiscal 1999 on a county-by-county basis.

**Exhibit 2**  
**Public Libraries Funding - HB 255**  
**Fiscal Estimate - Fiscal 1999**

<u>County</u>	<u>Library Aid Current Law</u>	<u>Library Aid Proposed Law</u>	<u>Additional Library Aid</u>
Allegany	\$455,146	\$528,989	\$73,843
Anne Arundel	1,431,099	1,663,648	232,549
Baltimore City	4,304,563	5,002,901	698,338
Baltimore	2,649,713	3,080,053	430,340
Calvert	178,343	207,339	28,996
Caroline	164,227	190,876	26,649
Carroll	569,869	662,409	92,540
Cecil	348,528	405,111	56,583
Charles	423,122	491,841	68,719
Dorchester	149,681	173,975	24,294
Frederick	646,187	751,147	104,960
Garrett	131,700	153,080	21,380
Harford	879,352	1,022,128	142,776
Howard	445,134	517,594	72,460
Kent	65,338	75,951	10,613
Montgomery	1,525,695	1,773,105	247,410
Prince George's	3,566,009	4,144,876	578,867
Queen Anne's	104,752	121,780	17,028
St. Mary's	363,055	421,996	58,941
Somerset	163,622	190,166	26,544
Talbot	60,310	70,090	9,780
Washington	635,228	738,327	103,099
Wicomico	411,465	478,242	66,777
Worcester	77,885	90,515	12,630
Total	\$19,750,023	\$22,956,139	\$3,206,116

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