

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1229 (Delegate Marriott. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

State Library Resource Center - Funding

This bill requires the State and Baltimore City to fund specified amounts of the operating costs associated with the State Library Resource Center beginning in fiscal 2000.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$3.6 million beginning in FY 2000. Future year expenditures reflect inflation. Revenues would not be affected.

(in millions)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	0	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.3
Net Effect	\$0	(\$3.6)	(\$3.8)	(\$4.0)	(\$4.3)

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

Local Effect: State aid to Baltimore City could increase by \$3.6 million beginning in FY 2000. Expenditures are not directly affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: In 1971, the State designated the Central Library of the Enoch Pratt Free Library as the State Library Resource Center. The role of both the Central Library and the State Library Resource Center is to provide access to information and materials on specialized subjects that individual public or school libraries cannot afford to purchase

individually. Due to this unique role, both the Central Library and the State Library Resource Center have developed into an extensive resource center for the entire State. Accordingly, this has allowed other public library systems to devote their resources on current and popular book titles, instead of purchasing specialized publications that are not used primarily by the general public.

State Effect: The State Library Resource Center/Central Library operating budget for fiscal 1998 totals approximately \$11.2 million. The State currently provides one-third of the funding, with Baltimore City providing most of the remaining funds. This bill would require the State to contribute a larger share of the funding for the State Library Resource Center. The proposed fiscal 1999 State budget includes \$3.8 million in funding for the State Library Resource Center. This bill would increase the mandatory State funding to \$7.4 million beginning in fiscal 2000. This represents a \$3.6 million increase over current funding levels. If Baltimore City decides to use the additional State aid to expand library services at the State Library Resource Center/Central Library, the increase in State general fund expenditures would be higher. The actual increase in State expenditures depends upon the total cost of the various programs provided by the State Library Resource Center. **Exhibit 1** specifies the cost sharing arrangement for the various programs, as specified in the bill, and the amount of State funding required.

Local Effect: State aid to Baltimore City could increase by \$3.6 million beginning in fiscal 2000. Due to the State matching requirement, if Baltimore City uses the additional State aid to expand library services at the State Library Resource Center/Central Library, State aid would increase even further. The actual increase in State aid would depend upon the total cost of the various programs provided by the State Library Resource Center.

Exhibit 1
Cost Sharing Arrangement for State Library Resource Center and
Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central Library)
Projected Fiscal 2000 Expenditures

Program	% State Funded	Program Expenditures	State Share	Baltimore City Share
SAILOR	100%	\$1,272,000	\$1,272,000	\$0
MILO	100%	\$795,000	\$795,000	\$0
Government Reference	100%	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$0
State Publications	100%	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$0
Maryland/African American Collection	100%	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$0
Audiovisual Services	100%	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$0
Administration/Facility Costs	50%	\$3,440,000	\$1,720,000	\$1,720,000
Social Science/History	50%	\$550,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
Business/Science/Technology	50%	\$742,000	\$371,000	\$371,000
Humanities/Fiction/Fine Art	50%	\$954,000	\$477,000	\$477,000
General Information	50%	\$1,750,000	\$875,000	\$875,000
Stacks & Shelving	50%	\$556,000	\$278,000	\$278,000
Children Services	20%	\$320,000	\$64,000	\$256,000
Circulation Services	20%	\$345,000	\$69,000	\$276,000
Total		\$11,914,000	\$7,386,000	\$4,528,000

Source: Enoch Pratt Free Library

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