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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Libraries - Funding - State Library Resource Center**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Library Resource Center to receive a
4 minimum allocation of money for each person served by the Center, to be used
5 for certain expenses; providing for the calculation of the allocation; and
6 generally relating to funding for the State Library Resource Center.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 23-205
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 23-205.

16 (a) Each year, the Department may include in its budget operating funds for:

- 17 (1) The State Library Resource Center;
- 18 (2) Each regional resource center; and
- 19 (3) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

1 (b) (1) The State shall pay all capital expenses for:

2 (i) The State Library Resource Center; and

3 (ii) Each regional resource center.

4 (2) Before any money is spent under this subsection, the appropriate
5 board of library trustees shall:

6 (i) Have the project approved by the Department;

7 (ii) Through the Department, submit the request to the
8 Department of Budget and Management for consideration under Subtitle 6, Title 3 of
9 the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

10 (iii) Agree to reimburse the Department an amount the Department
11 determines if the facility ceases to be used for a resource center or cooperative service
12 program.

13 (c) Each year each participating regional resource center shall receive a
14 minimum of \$1.70 for each resident of the area served, to be used for operating and
15 capital expenses.

16 (D) (1) EACH YEAR THE STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER SHALL
17 RECEIVE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR EACH PERSON SERVED IN THE
18 PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, TO BE USED FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENSES.

19 (2) THE ALLOCATION SHALL BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

20 (I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 \$1.35 PER PERSON SERVED;

21 (II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 \$1.55 PER PERSON SERVED;

22 (III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 \$1.70 PER PERSON SERVED; AND

23 (IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
24 THEREAFTER..... \$1.85 PER PERSON SERVED.

25 [(d)] (E) (1) The Department shall:

26 (i) Disburse funds to the State and regional resource centers and
27 metropolitan cooperative service programs; and

28 (ii) Require that these funds be used subject to any conditions
29 specified by the appropriating agency or imposed under this subtitle.

30 (2) The Department may authorize the State Comptroller to withhold
31 funds from any regional resource center or metropolitan cooperative service program
32 that fails to meet the standards adopted by the Department.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 1999.