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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1185 (Delegate Taylor. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

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**Libraries - Funding - Regional Resource Centers**

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This bill alters the calculation of the State funding formula for regional resource centers beginning in fiscal 2002 by increasing the per capita grant amount from \$1.70 to \$3.50 in fiscal 2002, and by \$0.50 per year through fiscal 2004.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by \$1.5 million in FY 2002. Future year expenditures reflect population growth and the increase in the per capita grant.

(in dollars)	FY	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	0	1,474,600	1,903,300	2,340,500	2,366,300
Net Effect	\$0	(\$1,474,600)	(\$1,903,300)	(\$2,340,500)	(\$2,366,300)

Note: ( ) = decrease; GF = general funds

**Local Effect:** State funding would increase by \$544,300 for the Eastern Shore Regional Resource Center, by \$521,500 for the Southern Maryland Regional Resource Center, and by \$408,800 for the Western Maryland Regional Resource Center in FY 2001.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Legislation enacted in 1998 established a mandatory funding formula for the regional resource centers in the amount of at least \$1.70 per capita.

**Background:** 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 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; and Western Maryland includes Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties.

**State and Local Fiscal Effect:** The proposed fiscal 2001 State budget includes \$1.4 million for the State's three regional resource centers. This funding is based on a \$1.70 per capita grant for counties served by the centers. This bill increases the per capita grant amount from \$1.70 to \$3.50 in fiscal 2002, to \$4.00 in fiscal 2003, and to \$4.50 in fiscal 2004 and each fiscal year thereafter. **Exhibit 1** shows the projected increase in State funding for the regional resource centers.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Increased State Funding for Regional Resource Centers**

Center	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Eastern Shore	\$544,300	\$702,000	\$861,800	\$868,600
Southern Maryland	\$521,500	\$680,300	\$845,600	\$864,900
Western Maryland	\$408,800	\$521,000	\$633,100	\$632,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,474,600</b>	<b>\$1,903,300</b>	<b>\$2,340,500</b>	<b>\$2,366,300</b>

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 650 (Senator Middleton, *et al.*) - Budget and Taxation.

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