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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public School Libraries - Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the funding for a certain public school library grant
4 program; expanding a certain public school library grant program to include
5 secondary schools; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget funds
6 to purchase licenses for certain databases, provide for certain review of and
7 improvements for library media programs, provide for professional development
8 opportunities for certain library employees, and establish a certain tuition
9 assistance program; altering a definition; and generally relating to funding for
10 public school library programs.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 5-206(h) and (j)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Education
18 Section 5-206(h-1)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

1 5-206.

2 (h) (1) In this subsection, "new local school board funds" means additional
3 funding provided by the local school boards for elementary school libraries in excess of
4 the fiscal 1998 funding provided by the local school boards for elementary AND
5 SECONDARY school libraries.

6 (2) For fiscal year 1999 and every fiscal year thereafter, the Governor
7 shall include in each year's operating budget a total of [\$3,000,000] \$4,500,000 in
8 grants to local school systems for the purpose of enhancing elementary AND
9 SECONDARY school library programs.

10 (3) In order to receive funds under this subsection, each county board
11 shall match the State grant dollar for dollar with new local school board funds.

12 (4) To the extent that a local school board does not provide new local
13 school board funds to meet the local match required in paragraph (3) of this
14 subsection, the State grant shall revert to the General Fund.

15 (5) The State Superintendent shall establish guidelines and criteria for
16 the expenditure of funds under this subsection. In developing guidelines, priority
17 shall be given to updating library book and other resource collections.

18 (6) For fiscal year 1999 and every fiscal year thereafter, and subject to
19 the provisions of this subsection, school library grants shall be provided to county
20 boards as follows:

- 21 (i) Allegany[\$40,266] \$60,399
- 22 (ii) Anne Arundel.....[268,456] \$402,684
- 23 (iii) Baltimore City.....[380,390] \$570,585
- 24 (iv) Baltimore[376,316] \$564,474
- 25 (v) Calvert[53,740] \$80,610
- 26 (vi) Caroline[20,218] \$30,327
- 27 (vii) Carroll[98,518] \$147,777
- 28 (viii) Cecil[55,039] \$82,559
- 29 (ix) Charles.....[78,281] \$117,421
- 30 (x) Dorchester.....[18,382] \$27,573
- 31 (xi) Frederick.....[125,881] \$188,822
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1	(xii)	Garrett	[19,170]	\$28,755
2	(xiii)	Harford	[139,416]	\$209,124
3	(xiv)	Howard.....	[147,977]	\$221,965
4	(xv)	Kent.....	[10,197]	\$15,296
5	(xvi)	Montgomery	[453,584]	\$680,376
6	(xvii)	Prince George's	[463,151]	\$694,727
7	(xviii)	Queen Anne's.....	[23,544]	\$35,316
8	(xix)	St. Mary's.....	[52,289]	\$78,433
9	(xx)	Somerset	[11,060]	\$16,590
10	(xxi)	Talbot	[16,384]	\$24,576
11	(xxii)	Washington.....	[72,645]	\$108,967
12	(xxiii)	Wicomico	[50,492]	\$75,738
13	(xxiv)	Worcester.....	[24,604]	\$36,906

14 (H-1) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
 15 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET A TOTAL OF
 16 \$2,500,000 FOR THE STATE BOARD TO PURCHASE FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES STATEWIDE
 17 LICENSES FOR INFORMATION DATABASES APPROPRIATE FOR STUDENTS FROM
 18 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12.

19 (2) (I) 1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
 20 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET
 21 A TOTAL OF \$1,500,000 FOR THE STATE BOARD TO ESTABLISH A STANDARDS GRANT
 22 PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN IMPLEMENTING
 23 RECOMMENDATIONS BY ON-SITE REVIEW TEAMS TO IMPROVE LIBRARY MEDIA
 24 PROGRAMS.

25 2. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER THIS
 26 SUBPARAGRAPH, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL MATCH THE STATE GRANT DOLLAR
 27 FOR DOLLAR WITH NEW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD FUNDS AS DEFINED UNDER
 28 SUBSECTION (H)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

29 3. TO THE EXTENT THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD DOES NOT
 30 PROVIDE NEW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD FUNDS TO MEET THE LOCAL MATCH
 31 REQUIRED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE GRANT
 32 SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

33 4. THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE GRANTS TO
 34 EACH COUNTY BOARD UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IN A PROPORTION THAT IS

1 CONSISTENT WITH THE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS
2 SECTION.

3 (II) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
4 INCLUDE IN THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR EACH YEAR A TOTAL OF \$12,000, AND IN
5 FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, \$6,000, FOR THE STATE
6 BOARD TO ESTABLISH ON-SITE REVIEW TEAMS TO CONDUCT ON-SITE REVIEWS IN 12
7 LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS EACH SCHOOL YEAR FOR 2 YEARS AND SUBSEQUENT
8 ON-SITE REVIEWS IN 6 LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

9 (III) RECOMMENDATIONS BY AN ON-SITE REVIEW TEAM MAY
10 INCLUDE LIBRARY AUTOMATION PROJECTS, EXTENDED LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
11 HOURS, THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL STAFF, CLERICAL STAFF, OR A
12 RESOURCE LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST, OR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND
13 CURRICULUM PROJECTS.

14 (3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 AND EVERY FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
15 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET A TOTAL OF
16 \$10,500 FOR THE STATE BOARD TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
17 OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS TO:

18 (I) LEARN HOW TO USE THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WEBSITE;

19 (II) FACILITATE THE USE OF THE WEBSITE BY FACULTY AND
20 STAFF; AND

21 (III) DEVELOP LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH
22 TEACHERS TO IMPROVE INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

23 (4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
24 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN EACH YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET A TOTAL OF
25 \$200,000 FOR THE STATE BOARD TO FACILITATE A STATEWIDE INCREASE IN
26 CERTIFIED LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS BY ESTABLISHING, IN CONSULTATION
27 WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, A
28 TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER POTENTIAL
29 CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATION AS A LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST.

30 (j) (1) Funds appropriated under subsections (c) through [(h)] (H-1) of this
31 section may not be used to supplant existing education funding for programs for
32 students at risk of academic failure.

33 (2) To the extent that a local school system achieves the intended
34 funding level in a particular targeted program for at-risk students, the local school
35 system may divert funds to other targeted programs if the programs are identified in
36 the school system's comprehensive plan and approved by the Department.

37 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
38 July 1, 2001.