
By: **Senator Miller**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Libraries - Funding - Public Libraries and Regional Resource Centers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the per capita dollar amount that is required to be
4 provided to each county public library system participating in the State's
5 minimum library program in certain fiscal years; altering the minimum
6 allocations per each resident of the area served that each participating regional
7 resource center shall receive for operating and capital expenses in certain fiscal
8 years; and generally relating to funding for public libraries and regional
9 resource centers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Education
12 Section 23-205 and 23-503
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 23-205.

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

- 20 (1) The State Library Resource Center;
21 (2) Each regional resource center; and
22 (3) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

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

- 24 (i) The State Library Resource Center; and
25 (ii) Each regional resource center.

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

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

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

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

10 (c) (1) Each year each participating regional resource center shall receive a
11 minimum amount of funding for each resident of the area served, to be used for
12 operating and capital expenses.

13 (2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows:

14 (i) For fiscal year [2001.....\$1.70] 2006.....\$4.50 per each
15 resident of the area served;

16 (ii) For fiscal year [2002.....\$3.50] 2007.....\$5.50 per each
17 resident of the area served;

18 (iii) For fiscal year [2003.....\$4.00] 2008.....\$6.50 per each
19 resident of the area served; [and]

20 (IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.....\$7.50 PER EACH RESIDENT OF THE
21 AREA SERVED; AND

22 [(iv)] (V) For fiscal year [2004] 2010 and each fiscal year
23 thereafter.....[\$4.50] \$8.50 per each resident of the area served.

24 (d) (1) Each year the State Library Resource Center shall receive a
25 minimum amount of funding for each State resident in the previous fiscal year, to be
26 used for operating and capital expenses.

27 (2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows:

28 (i) For fiscal year 2001....\$1.35 per State resident;

29 (ii) For fiscal year 2002....\$1.55 per State resident;

30 (iii) For fiscal year 2003....\$1.70 per State resident; and

31 (iv) For fiscal year 2004 and each fiscal year thereafter...\$1.85 per
32 State resident.

33 (e) (1) The Department shall:

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

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

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

8 23-503.

9 (a) (1) The entire capital and operating cost of the minimum library
10 program for this State as a whole shall be shared as provided in this subsection.

11 (2) The State shall provide:

12 (i) Approximately 40 percent of the total cost of the minimum
13 program; and

14 (ii) Not less than 20 percent of the cost of the minimum program in
15 any county.

16 (3) The counties participating in the program together shall provide
17 through local taxes approximately 60 percent of the total statewide cost of the
18 minimum program.

19 (b) (1) Each county public library system that participates in the minimum
20 library program shall be provided for each resident of the county, to be used for
21 operating and capital expenses:

22 (i) For [the] fiscal year [beginning July 1, 1998 - \$10.75] 2006 -
23 \$12.00;

24 (ii) For [the] fiscal year [beginning July 1, 1999 - \$11.00] 2007 -
25 \$13.00;

26 (iii) For [the] fiscal year [beginning July 1, 2000 - \$11.50; and]
27 2008 - \$14.00;

28 (IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 - \$15.00; AND

29 [(iv)] (V) For [the] fiscal year [beginning July 1, 2001] 2010 and
30 each fiscal year thereafter - [\$12.00] \$16.00.

31 (2) (i) The State shall share in this amount.

32 (ii) Any county may provide an amount greater than its share
33 under the cooperative program, but the State may not share in the excess.

1 (c) Any employer Social Security contributions required by federal law for any
2 employee in a county public library system shall remain the obligation of the
3 employer.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 2005.