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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education - Library Media Center Improvement**
3 **Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Library Media Center Improvement Fund;
5 specifying the purpose and uses of the Fund; requiring the State Department of
6 Education to administer the Fund; providing for the holding of and accounting
7 for the Fund; providing for the investment of money in the Fund; requiring the
8 Governor to include certain money in the State budget for the Fund in certain
9 fiscal years; providing for the calculation of the amount of grants to county
10 boards from the Fund; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of
11 this Act; and generally relating to the Library Media Center Improvement Fund.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Education
14 Section 5-219
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 5-219.

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
22 INDICATED.

23 (2) "FUND" MEANS THE LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER IMPROVEMENT FUND.

24 (3) "LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER IMPROVEMENTS" MEANS EXPANSION OR
25 REPLACEMENT OF DOCUMENT AND PERIODICAL INVENTORIES OF SCHOOL LIBRARY
26 MEDIA CENTERS, TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS IN SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA

1 CENTERS, AND HIRING ADDITIONAL MEDIA SPECIALISTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL
2 MEDIA AIDES.

3 (B) THERE IS A LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER IMPROVEMENT FUND.

4 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO
5 COUNTY BOARDS FOR LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER IMPROVEMENTS.

6 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

7 (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT
8 TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

9 (2) THE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE
10 COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

11 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

12 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND

13 (2) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE
14 BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

15 (G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO
16 COUNTY BOARDS FOR LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER IMPROVEMENTS.

17 (H) (1) THE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE
18 SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

19 (2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
20 THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

21 (I) THE GOVERNOR:

22 (1) MAY INCLUDE MONEY IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUND IN
23 FISCAL YEAR 2007; AND

24 (2) SHALL INCLUDE:

25 (I) \$10,000,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUND IN FISCAL
26 YEAR 2008;

27 (II) \$15,000,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUND IN FISCAL
28 YEAR 2009; AND

29 (III) \$20,000,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUND IN FISCAL
30 YEAR 2010.

31 (J) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE
32 APPLICATION FOR AND AWARD GRANTS FROM THE FUND.

1 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
2 COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE FUND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR
3 EQUAL TO THE INCREASE IN MONEY THE COUNTY BOARD HAS BUDGETED FOR
4 LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER IMPROVEMENTS IN THAT FISCAL YEAR OVER THE AMOUNT
5 BUDGETED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.

6 (3) THE MAXIMUM GRANT A COUNTY BOARD MAY RECEIVE IN A FISCAL
7 YEAR IS THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE
8 STATE THAT ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY MULTIPLIED BY THE
9 AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June
12 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
13 abrogated and of no further force and effect.