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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

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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  
27 CENTERS, AND HIRING ADDITIONAL MEDIA SPECIALISTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL  
28 MEDIA AIDES.

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

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

4 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

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

7 (2) THE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE  
8 COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

9 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

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

11 (2) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE  
12 BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

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

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

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

19 (I) THE GOVERNOR:

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

22 (2) SHALL INCLUDE:

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

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

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

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

31 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
32 COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE FUND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR  
33 EQUAL TO THE INCREASE IN MONEY THE COUNTY BOARD HAS BUDGETED FOR

1 LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER IMPROVEMENTS IN THAT FISCAL YEAR OVER THE AMOUNT  
2 BUDGETED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.

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

7       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June  
9 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
10 abrogated and of no further force and effect.