

SENATE BILL 571

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Libraries – Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Library Development and Services in the
4 State Department of Education to establish and coordinate the Maryland Deaf
5 Culture Digital Library; requiring the Division to coordinate with the
6 Governor’s Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in establishing the digital
7 library; specifying a certain purpose and content of the digital library; and
8 generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital
9 Library.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 23–105
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 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 23–105.

19 (a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title,
20 and subject to the authority of the State Board, the Division of Library Development
21 and Services has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

22 (b) The Division of Library Development and Services shall:

23 (1) Provide leadership and guidance for the planning and coordinated
24 development of library and information service in this State;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Develop statewide public and school library services and networks,
2 resource centers, and other arrangements to meet the library and information needs of
3 this State;

4 (3) Provide professional and technical advice on improving library
5 services in this State to:

6 (i) Public and school library officials;

7 (ii) State government agencies; and

8 (iii) Any other person;

9 (4) (i) Collect library statistics and other data;

10 (ii) Identify library needs and provide for needed research and
11 studies of them;

12 (iii) Publish and distribute findings in these areas; and

13 (iv) Coordinate library services with other information and
14 education services and agencies;

15 (5) Administer federal and State funds appropriated to it by the State
16 for library purposes;

17 (6) (i) Develop and recommend professional standards and policies
18 for libraries; and

19 (ii) Establish requirements and procedures for the certification
20 of librarians and library personnel;

21 (7) Provide:

22 (i) Specialized library service to the blind and other physically
23 handicapped individuals in this State; and

24 (ii) Other desirable specialized library services;

25 (8) Encourage, advise, and assist in establishing, operating, and
26 coordinating libraries at State institutions and agencies and administer the operation
27 of library and information services for the Department;

28 (9) Administer the State grant program for county public library
29 capital projects, in accordance with § 23–510 of this title;

1 (10) Adopt guidelines for the administration of public libraries and
2 recommend to the State Board rules and regulations to implement this title;

3 (11) Cooperate with national library agencies and those of any other
4 state; [and]

5 **(12) (I) ESTABLISH THE MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL**
6 **LIBRARY IN COORDINATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND**
7 **HARD OF HEARING; AND**

8 **(II) COORDINATE THE MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL**
9 **LIBRARY TO EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS ABOUT DEAF CULTURES IN THE UNITED**
10 **STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:**

11 **1. REFERENCE MATERIAL; AND**

12 **2. LINKS TO OTHER RESOURCES; AND**

13 **[(12)] (13)** Perform any other duty necessary for its proper operation.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2012.