

HOUSE BILL 653

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means/ Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by ~~Delegate Luedtke~~ Delegates Luedtke, Howard, and Cardin

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Deaf Culture Digital Library**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Library Development and Services in the
4 Department of Education to establish the Deaf Culture Digital Library;
5 specifying the mission, duties, *leadership*, and responsibilities of the Deaf
6 Culture Digital Library; and generally relating to the Deaf Culture Digital
7 Library.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 23–105
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Article – Education
2 Section 23–108
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Education**

8 23–105.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (i) Public and school library officials;

21 (ii) State government agencies; and

22 (iii) Any other person;

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

24 (ii) Identify library needs and provide for needed research and
25 studies of them;

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

27 (iv) Coordinate library services with other information and
28 education services and agencies;

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

1 (6) (i) Develop and recommend professional standards and policies
2 for libraries; and

3 (ii) Establish requirements and procedures for the certification
4 of librarians and library personnel;

5 (7) Provide:

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

8 (ii) Other desirable specialized library services;

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

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

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

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

18 **(12) DEVELOP A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY IN**
19 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 23–108 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

20 [[12)] **(13)** Perform any other duty necessary for its proper operation.

21 **23–108.**

22 **(A) THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES SHALL**
23 **ESTABLISH THE DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY AS THE PRIMARY**
24 **INFORMATION CENTER ON DEAF RESOURCES FOR LIBRARY CUSTOMERS AND**
25 **STAFF IN THE STATE.**

26 **(B) THE DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY SHALL:**

27 **(1) CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN**
28 **LIBRARY SERVICES FOR DEAF PATRONS AND TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO**
29 **FILL THE GAPS AND BETTER COORDINATE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF;**

1 **(2) IN COORDINATION WITH THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF DEAF**
2 **AND HARD OF HEARING, DEVELOP AND PROVIDE SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR**
3 **STATE AND COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF TO HELP THEM BETTER UNDERSTAND**
4 **DEAF PATRONS AND THEIR NEEDS;**

5 **(3) DEVELOP A WEB SITE THAT WILL ALLOW FOR**
6 **INFORMATION SHARING AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEAF CULTURE**
7 **DIGITAL LIBRARY AND COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS;**

8 **(4) IN COORDINATION WITH THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY**
9 **DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES, DEVELOP DEAF-RELATED PROGRAMS AND**
10 **MATERIALS AND SHARE THEM WITH COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND OTHER**
11 **LIBRARIES IN THE STATE;**

12 **(5) DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS AND STRATEGIC ALLIANCES WITH**
13 **~~FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT~~ OTHER ENTITIES, INCLUDING:**

14 **(I) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR THE DEAF AND HARD**
15 **OF HEARING;**

16 **(II) COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS;**

17 **(III) THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AND**
18 **SERVICES;**

19 **(IV) VETERANS’ GROUPS;**

20 **(V) STATE AND LOCAL ARTS COUNCILS;**

21 **(VI) SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATIONS; AND**

22 **(VII) DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ORGANIZATIONS,**
23 **INCLUDING:**

24 **1. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF;**

25 **2. THE HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;**

26 **AND**

27 **3. THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF;**

28 **(6) ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH**
29 **INFORMATION SERVICE PROVIDERS TO HELP PROVIDE VIRTUAL ACCESS TO**
30 **INFORMATION AND RESEARCH;**

1 (7) FORM A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY
2 ~~BOARD, THE MAJORITY OF WHOSE MEMBERS ARE CULTURALLY DEAF OR~~
3 ~~DEAF SENSITIVE HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS,~~ TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON
4 INITIATIVES THAT FURTHER ADVANCE THE MISSION AND GOALS OF THE DEAF
5 CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY AND THE MAJORITY OF WHOSE MEMBERS ARE DEAF
6 OR HARD OF HEARING AND SELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES:

7 (1) COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS;

8 (2) THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AND
9 SERVICES;

10 (3) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF
11 HEARING;

12 (4) STATEWIDE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
13 ORGANIZATIONS; AND

14 (5) OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS AGREED ON BY THE
15 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AND THE
16 DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES; AND

17 (8) ESTABLISH A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY "FRIENDS
18 OF THE LIBRARY" GROUP COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE STRONGLY
19 COMMITTED, WELL-POSITIONED, AND ABLE TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY
20 INVOLVEMENT, ADVOCACY, AND FUNDING FOR THE DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL
21 LIBRARY.

22 (C) THE LEAD EMPLOYEE OR COORDINATOR WHO MANAGES THE DEAF
23 CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY SHALL BE:

24 (1) A DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUAL; AND

25 (2) KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED CONCERNING ISSUES
26 AFFECTING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2014.