

SENATE BILL 419

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Libraries – Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped –**
3 **Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Department of Education to include
5 operating funds for the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically
6 Handicapped in its budget; requiring the Maryland Library for the Blind and
7 Physically Handicapped to receive a certain amount of funding each year
8 beginning in a certain fiscal year; requiring the Department to disburse funds to
9 the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; and generally
10 relating to funding for the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically
11 Handicapped.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 23–205
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 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**

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.



1 23–205.

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

3 (1) The State Library Resource Center;

4 (2) Each regional resource center; [and]

5 **(3) THE MARYLAND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY**
6 **HANDICAPPED; AND**

7 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

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

9 (i) The State Library Resource Center; and

10 (ii) Each regional resource center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2016.....\$6.75 per
25 each resident of the area served;

26 (ii) For fiscal year 2017.....\$7.00 per each resident of the
27 area served;

28 (iii) For fiscal year 2018.....\$7.25 per each resident of the
29 area served; and

1 (iv) For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year
 2 thereafter.....\$7.50 per each resident of the area served.

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

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

7 (i) For each of fiscal years 2010 through 2016.....\$1.67 per
 8 State resident;

9 (ii) For fiscal year 2017.....\$1.73 per State resident;

10 (iii) For fiscal year 2018.....\$1.79 per State resident; and

11 (iv) For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year
 12 thereafter.....\$1.85 per State resident.

13 (e) **EACH BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR**
 14 **THEREAFTER, THE MARYLAND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY**
 15 **HANDICAPPED SHALL RECEIVE AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST 25% OF**
 16 **THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE**
 17 **SAME FISCAL YEAR UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

18 (F) (1) The Department shall:

19 (i) Disburse funds to the State and regional resource centers,
 20 **THE MARYLAND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED,**
 21 and metropolitan cooperative service programs; and

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

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

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