

HB1401/385469/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1401
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Operation” insert “- Funding”; in line 3, strike beginning with “establishing” through “branch” and substitute “requiring a State grant to be made available to fund certain operating expenses for certain branches”; in line 4, strike “is” and substitute “that are required to be”; in the same line, after “public” insert “during certain times”; in line 5, strike “each year” and substitute “beginning in certain fiscal years”; in line 8, after “Library;” insert “authorizing Baltimore City to use certain funds to satisfy certain requirements;” and in the same line, after “calculation;” insert “requiring the Enoch Pratt Free Library System and the State Department of Education to conduct a needs assessment and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Enoch Pratt Free Library System and the State Department of Education to report their findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing that the remittance of certain State funds to Baltimore City for a certain fiscal year is contingent on the submission of certain findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 5, strike “**EACH BRANCH**” and substitute “**A STATE GRANT SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FUND THE INCREASED OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE BRANCHES**”; in the same line, strike “**SHALL**” and substitute “**THAT ARE REQUIRED TO**”; strike beginning with “**AS**” in line 7 down through “**2018**” in line 8 and substitute “**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**”; in line 8, strike “**EACH YEAR**”; in lines 10 and 14, in each instance, strike “**ALL**” and substitute “**THE**”; in line 12, after “**(II)**” insert “**1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, IN ORDER TO ACCESS THE STATE GRANT,**”; strike beginning with “**BE**” in line 12 down through “**FOR**” in line 13 and substitute “**PROVIDE**”; and after line 16, insert:

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“2. BALTIMORE CITY MAY USE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 20, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Enoch Pratt Free Library System and the State Department of Education shall:

(1) conduct a needs assessment and make recommendations regarding which branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library would benefit the most from increased operating hours, with branches in low-income neighborhoods to be given priority consideration in any recommendations; and

(2) on or before December 31, 2016, report their findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the remittance of State funds to Baltimore City for fiscal year 2018, as required under Section 1 of this Act, is contingent on the submission of the findings and recommendations to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, as required under Section 2 of this Act.”;

and in line 21, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.