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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Libraries – Reorganization of Governance Structure**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland State Library Agency and the Maryland
4 State Library Board; transferring the duties and responsibilities of the Division of
5 Library Development and Services in the State Department of Education to the State
6 Library Agency; transferring the duties and responsibilities of the State Board of
7 Education pertaining to libraries to the State Library Board; making the
8 appointment of the State Librarian subject to the advice and consent of the Senate;
9 providing that the Maryland State Library Agency is the central State library
10 agency; providing that the head of the State Library Agency is the State Librarian;
11 providing for the appointment, term, qualifications, and salary of the State
12 Librarian; authorizing the State Library Agency to employ certain individuals;
13 requiring the State Library Agency to be funded annually in the State budget;
14 requiring certain employees of the State Library Agency to join the Teachers'
15 Pension System of the State of Maryland or the Employees' Pension System of the
16 State of Maryland; requiring the State Library Agency to provide certain
17 professional and technical advice to certain higher education and special library
18 officials; transferring the duties and responsibilities of the Maryland Advisory
19 Council on Libraries to the State Library Board; requiring the Governor to ensure
20 geographic diversity when making appointments to the State Library Board;
21 requiring the State Library Board to meet a certain number of times each year;
22 authorizing the State Library Board to be funded within the budget of the State
23 Library Agency; authorizing the State Library Board to include in its budget

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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operating funds for the Deaf Culture Digital Library; requiring county public libraries, the State Library Resource Center, and regional resource centers to pay certain costs; requiring the State Library Board and the State Library Agency to collect certain costs; providing for the transfer of certain services, appropriations, funding, and grants on a certain date; providing for the transfer of certain property, records, fixtures, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, obligations, rights, and privileges; abolishing the Division of Library Development and Services in the State Department of Education and providing that the State Library Agency and the State Library Board shall be the successors to the Division; providing that the State Library Board shall be the successor to the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries; providing that certain employees transferred to the State Library Agency and State Library Board as a result of this Act shall be transferred without diminution of certain rights, benefits, or employment or retirement status; providing for the continuity of certain transactions affected by or flowing from this Act; providing for the continuity of certain laws, rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, policies, orders, and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, contracts, property, investigations, and administrative and judicial responsibilities; providing that this Act may not affect the terms of certain members of the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; defining certain terms; making certain technical changes; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to a reorganization of the library governance structure in Maryland.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 23–101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 23–101 through 23–108, 23–202 through 23–205, 23–302, 23–402(a)(4), 23–405, 23–406, 23–504, 23–506, 23–506.1, 23–507, 23–509, 23–510, and 25–302

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 23–201, 23–206, and 23–301(a) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Education

1 Section 23–508
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
5 Article – State Finance and Procurement
6 Section 3A–606
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Education**

12 **23–101.**

13 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
14 INDICATED.

15 (B) “STATE LIBRARY AGENCY” MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY
16 AGENCY.

17 (C) “STATE LIBRARY BOARD” MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY
18 BOARD.

19 **[23–101.] 23–102.**

20 (a) The General Assembly finds:

21 (1) That public library resources and services are essential components of
22 the educational system; and

23 (2) That libraries stimulate awareness and understanding of critical social
24 issues, and assist individuals in reaching their highest potential for self–development.

25 (b) It is the policy of this State:

26 (1) To continue the orderly development and maintenance of library
27 facilities and services throughout this State, in collaboration with the counties; and

28 (2) To develop coordinated programs and services among libraries and
29 institutions to:

30 (i) Provide the widest possible access to the library and information
31 resources of this State; and

1 (ii) Insure more effective and economical services to all library users.

2 **[23-102.] 23-103.**

3 There is a [Division of Library Development and Services in the Department] **STATE**
4 **LIBRARY AGENCY AND A STATE LIBRARY BOARD.** The [Division] **STATE LIBRARY**
5 **AGENCY** is the central State library agency.

6 **[23-103.] 23-104.**

7 (a) The head of the [Division of Library Development and Services] **STATE**
8 **LIBRARY AGENCY** is the [Assistant Superintendent for Libraries] **STATE LIBRARIAN,**
9 who is appointed by the State **LIBRARY** Board **WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE**
10 **SENATE** [on the recommendation of the State Superintendent].

11 (b) The [Assistant Superintendent for Libraries] **STATE LIBRARIAN** shall:

12 (1) Hold an advanced degree in library and information service;

13 (2) Have administrative experience in libraries; and

14 (3) Have any other qualifications the State [Superintendent] **LIBRARY**
15 **BOARD** considers necessary.

16 (c) **THE STATE LIBRARIAN SHALL:**

17 (1) **SELECT, ORGANIZE, AND DIRECT THE STAFF OF THE STATE**
18 **LIBRARY AGENCY;**

19 (2) **PERFORM THE DUTIES THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD ASSIGNS;**

20 (3) **SEE THAT THE POLICIES AND DECISIONS OF THE STATE LIBRARY**
21 **BOARD ARE CARRIED OUT; AND**

22 (4) **SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD.**

23 (d) **THE STATE LIBRARIAN IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE**
24 **STATE BUDGET.**

25 [(c)] (e) (1) The [Division] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY** may employ the
26 professional and clerical staff provided in the State budget.

27 (2) Each employee of the [Division] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY** is entitled
28 to the salary provided in the State budget.

1 **(3) EACH EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE LIBRARY AGENCY SHALL JOIN**
2 **THE TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THE**
3 **EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.**

4 **[23-104.] 23-105.**

5 (a) In addition to the other powers granted and duties imposed by this article, the
6 State **LIBRARY** Board has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

7 **(B) THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD SHALL APPOINT THE STATE LIBRARIAN.**

8 **[(b)] (C)** The State **LIBRARY** Board shall exercise general direction and control
9 of library development in this State and may:

10 (1) Adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer this title;

11 (2) After considering the recommendations of the **[Advisory Council on**
12 **Libraries]** **STATE LIBRARIAN**, establish library policies and procedures for the statewide
13 system of libraries;

14 (3) Consider the library needs of this State and recommend to the Governor
15 and the General Assembly desirable legislation; and

16 (4) With the approval of the Governor, accept, administer, and spend any
17 appropriation, gift, or grant for library purposes from the federal government or from any
18 other person.

19 **[(c)] (D)** In accordance with the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the State Board
20 **OF EDUCATION**, the State Superintendent shall certificate professional library personnel.

21 **[(d)] (E)** Each year the State **LIBRARY** Board shall report to the Governor and
22 the people of this State on the support, condition, progress, and needs of libraries.

23 **[(e)] (F)** The State **LIBRARY** Board shall approve county public library capital
24 projects for State funding in accordance with **[\$ 23-510] § 23-509** of this title.

25 **[23-105.] 23-106.**

26 (a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title, and
27 subject to the authority of the State **LIBRARY** Board, the **[Division of Library Development**
28 **and Services]** **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY** has the powers and duties set forth in this
29 section.

1 (b) The [Division of Library Development and Services] **STATE LIBRARY**
2 **AGENCY** shall:

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

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

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

10 (i) Public and school library officials;

11 **(II) HIGHER EDUCATION AND SPECIAL LIBRARY OFFICIALS;**

12 ~~[(ii)]~~ **(III)** State government agencies; and

13 ~~[(iii)]~~ **(IV)** Any other person;

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

15 (ii) Identify library needs and provide for needed research and
16 studies of them;

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

18 (iv) Coordinate library services with other information and education
19 services and agencies;

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

22 (6) (i) Develop and recommend professional standards and policies for
23 libraries; and

24 (ii) Establish requirements and procedures for the certification of
25 librarians and library personnel;

26 (7) Provide:

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

29 (ii) Other desirable specialized library services;

1 (8) Encourage, advise, and assist in establishing, operating, and
2 coordinating libraries at State institutions and agencies and administer the operation of
3 library and information services for the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**;

4 (9) Administer the State grant program for county public library capital
5 projects, in accordance with [§ 23–510] **§ 23–509** of this title;

6 (10) Adopt guidelines for the administration of public libraries and
7 recommend to the State **LIBRARY** Board rules and regulations to implement this title;

8 (11) Cooperate with national library agencies and those of any other state;

9 (12) Develop a Deaf Culture Digital Library in accordance with [§ 23–108]
10 **§ 23–109** of this title; and

11 (13) Perform any other duty necessary for its proper operation.

12 **[23–106.] 23–107.**

13 (a) There is a Maryland [Advisory Council on Libraries] **STATE LIBRARY**
14 **BOARD.**

15 (b) (1) The [Advisory Council] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** consists of 12
16 members, 7 of whom are appointed by the Governor. Each member is entitled to participate
17 fully and equally in the activities of the [Council] **BOARD.**

18 (2) Each member shall:

19 (i) Be a resident of this State;

20 (ii) Be an individual of ability and integrity who is experienced in
21 public or library affairs; and

22 (iii) Represent the interests of the citizens of this State in better
23 library services.

24 (3) **(I)** Of the appointed members:

25 ~~(i)~~ **1.** Five shall be selected from the public at large;

26 ~~(ii)~~ **2.** One shall be a professional librarian; and

27 ~~(iii)~~ **3.** One shall be a library trustee.

28 **(II) THE GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY**
29 **WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS.**

1 (4) The following officials serve ex officio and each may designate someone
2 to serve in his place:

3 (i) The Secretary of Higher Education;

4 (ii) The President of the Board of Trustees of Enoch Pratt Free
5 Library;

6 (iii) The President of the Maryland Library Association;

7 (iv) The Dean of the University of Maryland College of Library and
8 Information Services; and

9 (v) The President of the Maryland [Educational Media
10 Organization] **ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS.**

11 (5) (i) Each appointed member serves for a term of 5 years and until a
12 successor is appointed and qualifies. These terms are staggered as required by the terms of
13 the members serving on July 1, 1978.

14 (ii) An appointed member may not serve more than two consecutive
15 terms.

16 (iii) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves
17 only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

18 (6) Each member of the [Advisory Council] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD:**

19 (i) Serves without compensation; and

20 (ii) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the
21 Standard State Travel Regulations.

22 (c) (1) Each year:

23 (i) The Governor shall appoint a member of the [Advisory Council]
24 **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** as its Chairman; and

25 (ii) The [Advisory Council] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** shall elect one
26 of its members as its vice chairman.

27 (2) The [Assistant Superintendent for Libraries] **STATE LIBRARIAN**
28 shall:

1 (i) Serve as secretary to the [Advisory Council] **STATE LIBRARY**
2 **BOARD;**

3 (ii) Record the proceedings of the [Council] **STATE LIBRARY**
4 **BOARD;** and

5 (iii) Provide necessary staff services.

6 (3) [The Advisory Council shall meet at least once a year at the times and
7 places its Chairman designates] **EACH YEAR, THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD:**

8 **(I) SHALL HOLD AT LEAST FOUR REGULAR MEETINGS; AND**

9 **(II) MAY HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS AS NECESSARY.**

10 (4) Seven members of the [Advisory Council] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** are
11 a quorum and at least 7 affirmative votes are required for any recommendation to:

12 (i) The [Division of Library Services] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY;**

13 [(ii) The State Superintendent;

14 (iii) The State Board;] or

15 [(iv)] **(II)** The Governor.

16 (d) The [Advisory Council] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** shall:

17 (1) Gather information on the needs of libraries throughout this State;

18 (2) [Advise the Division of Library Development and Services, the State
19 Superintendent, the State Board, and] **OVERSEE THE STATE LIBRARY AGENCY;**

20 **(3) ADVISE** the Governor on library matters; and

21 **[(3)] (4)** Promote improvement of library services in this State.

22 (e) The [Advisory Council] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** may be funded annually as
23 provided in the budget of the [Division of Library Development and Services] **STATE**
24 **LIBRARY AGENCY.**

25 **[23-107.] 23-108.**

26 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a free association,
27 school, college or university library in this State shall prohibit inspection, use, or disclosure

1 of any circulation record or other item, collection, or grouping of information about an
2 individual that:

3 (1) Is maintained by a library;

4 (2) Contains an individual's name or the identifying number, symbol, or
5 other identifying particular assigned to the individual; and

6 (3) Identifies the use a patron makes of that library's materials, services,
7 or facilities.

8 (b) A free association, school, college, or university library in the State shall
9 permit inspection, use, or disclosure of the circulation record of an individual only in
10 connection with the library's ordinary business and only for the purposes for which the
11 record was created.

12 **[23-108.] 23-109.**

13 (a) The [Division of Library Development and Services] **STATE LIBRARY**
14 **AGENCY** shall establish the Deaf Culture Digital Library as the primary information
15 center on deaf resources for library customers and staff in the State.

16 (b) The Deaf Culture Digital Library shall:

17 (1) Conduct a needs assessment to identify gaps in library services for deaf
18 patrons and to implement strategies to fill the gaps and better coordinate library services
19 for the deaf;

20 (2) In coordination with the Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing,
21 develop and provide sensitivity training for State and county library staff to help them
22 better understand deaf patrons and their needs;

23 (3) Develop a Web site that will allow for information sharing and
24 coordination between the Deaf Culture Digital Library and county library systems;

25 (4) In coordination with the [Division of Library Development and
26 Services] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY**, develop deaf-related programs and materials and
27 share them with county library systems and other libraries in the State;

28 (5) Develop partnerships and strategic alliances with other entities,
29 including:

30 (i) The Governor's Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;

31 (ii) County library systems;

1 (iii) The [Division of Library Development and Services] STATE
2 LIBRARY AGENCY;

3 (iv) Veterans' groups;

4 (v) State and local arts councils;

5 (vi) Senior citizens organizations; and

6 (vii) Deaf and hard of hearing organizations, including:

7 1. The National Association of the Deaf;

8 2. The Hearing Loss Association of America; and

9 3. The Maryland Association of the Deaf;

10 (6) Encourage partnerships and collaborations with information service
11 providers to help provide virtual access to information and research;

12 (7) Form a Deaf Culture Digital Library Advisory Board to provide advice
13 on initiatives that further advance the mission and goals of the Deaf Culture Digital
14 Library and the majority of whose members are deaf or hard of hearing and selected from
15 the following entities:

16 (i) County library systems;

17 (ii) The [Division of Library Development and Services] STATE
18 LIBRARY AGENCY;

19 (iii) The Governor's Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;

20 (iv) Statewide deaf and hard of hearing organizations; and

21 (v) Other organizations as agreed on by the Governor's Office for the
22 Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the [Division of Library Development and Services] STATE
23 LIBRARY AGENCY; and

24 (8) Establish a Deaf Culture Digital Library "Friends of the Library" group
25 composed of individuals who are strongly committed, well-positioned, and able to promote
26 community involvement, advocacy, and funding for the Deaf Culture Digital Library.

27 (c) The lead employee or coordinator who manages the Deaf Culture Digital
28 Library shall be:

29 (1) A deaf or hard of hearing individual; and

1 (2) Knowledgeable and experienced concerning issues affecting deaf and
2 hard of hearing individuals.

3 23-201.

4 (a) The Central Library of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System is the State
5 Library Resource Center.

6 (b) The State Library Resource Center shall provide and expand access to
7 specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and
8 economical library services in this State.

9 23-202.

10 (a) The boards of library trustees of at least three public library systems outside
11 the standard metropolitan statistical areas defined by the United States Bureau of the
12 Census may request the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** to establish and maintain
13 a regional resource center.

14 (b) Each regional resource center shall provide, through mutual cooperation and
15 coordination, books, information, and other material and service resources that an
16 individual library cannot provide adequately by itself.

17 (c) (1) A region to be served by a regional resource center shall have a
18 population of at least 100,000.

19 (2) Subject to approval by the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**, the
20 boards of library trustees of the participating library systems shall designate the library to
21 serve as the resource center.

22 (3) If possible, the library selected as the regional resource center shall be:

23 (i) The strongest library in the region; and

24 (ii) Located so as to be of greatest service to the entire region.

25 (d) (1) There is a board of advisors for each regional resource center.

26 (2) The board of advisors consists of two individuals selected by the board
27 of trustees of each participating library system to represent its library.

28 (3) The board of advisors for each regional resource center shall:

29 (i) Gather information on the resource needs of its region and this
30 State;

1 (ii) Before State funds are distributed to it, make an annual report
2 to the [Department and the State Advisory Council on Libraries] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**
3 that evaluates and makes recommendations on the operation of the center;

4 (iii) Recommend to the board of trustees of the library designated as
5 the regional resource center and to the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** policies
6 and procedures for the development and use of the regional resource center;

7 (iv) Promote the use of the regional resource center;

8 (v) Recommend the purchase, condemnation, rental, use, sale, or
9 conveyance of property for any purpose valid under this section; and

10 (vi) Recommend plans for the regional resource centers, which may
11 include the use of facilities of participating libraries, additions to the facilities of
12 participating libraries, or new facilities separate from the existing facilities of participating
13 libraries.

14 (e) (1) The head of each regional resource center is the administrator of the
15 library designated as the center.

16 (2) The administrator shall operate the regional resource center under
17 standards adopted by the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**.

18 (3) The policies and procedures of the regional resource center shall be:

19 (i) Recommended by the board of trustees of the library designated
20 as the center; and

21 (ii) Approved by the board of advisors of the center.

22 (f) Each regional resource center shall:

23 (1) Make interlibrary loans of books and materials;

24 (2) Supply collections and exhibits of specialized materials;

25 (3) Provide consultant services;

26 (4) Organize inservice training for library staffs; and

27 (5) Develop and operate cooperative services among libraries.

1 (a) The board of library trustees of any public library system that is not
2 participating in a regional resource center may participate in a metropolitan cooperative
3 service program.

4 (b) Each metropolitan cooperative service program shall conform to standards
5 adopted by the State **LIBRARY** Board.

6 (c) Each metropolitan cooperative service program shall make an annual report
7 of its operations to the [Department and the State Advisory Council on Libraries] **STATE**
8 **LIBRARY BOARD**.

9 23-204.

10 The [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** periodically shall evaluate the
11 effectiveness of the services performed by each regional resource center and metropolitan
12 cooperative service program and may request any reports and information necessary for
13 this purpose.

14 23-205.

15 (a) Each year, the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** may include in its
16 budget operating funds for:

17 (1) The State Library Resource Center;

18 (2) Each regional resource center;

19 (3) The Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped;

20 (4) **THE DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY**; and

21 [(4)] (5) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

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

23 (i) The State Library Resource Center; and

24 (ii) Each regional resource center.

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

27 (i) Have the project approved by the [Department] **STATE**
28 **LIBRARY BOARD**;

1 (ii) Through the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**, submit
2 the request to the Department of Budget and Management for consideration under Title 3,
3 Subtitle 6 of the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

4 (iii) Agree to reimburse the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**
5 an amount the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** determines if the facility ceases to
6 be used for a resource center or cooperative service program.

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

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

11 (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.....\$6.75 per each
12 resident of the area served;

13 (ii) For fiscal year 2016..... \$6.95 per each resident of the area
14 served;

15 (iii) For fiscal year 2017..... \$7.15 per each resident of the area
16 served;

17 (iv) For fiscal year 2018..... \$7.55 per each resident of the area
18 served;

19 (v) For fiscal year 2019..... \$7.95 per each resident of the area
20 served;

21 (vi) For fiscal year 2020..... \$8.35 per each resident of the area
22 served;

23 (vii) For fiscal year 2021..... \$8.55 per each resident of the area
24 served; and

25 (viii) For fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter..... \$8.75
26 per each resident of the area served.

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

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

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

- 1 (ii) For fiscal year 2017\$1.69 per State resident;
 2 (iii) For fiscal year 2018\$1.73 per State resident;
 3 (iv) For fiscal year 2019\$1.77 per State resident;
 4 (v) For fiscal year 2020 \$1.81 per State resident; and
 5 (vi) For fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter..... \$1.85
 6 per State resident.

7 (e) Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Maryland
 8 Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped shall receive an amount equivalent to at
 9 least 25% of the amount received by the State Library Resource Center for the same fiscal
 10 year under subsection (d) of this section.

11 (f) (1) The [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** shall:

12 (i) Disburse funds to the State and regional resource centers, the
 13 Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and metropolitan cooperative
 14 service programs; and

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

17 (2) The [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** may authorize the State
 18 Comptroller to withhold funds from any regional resource center or metropolitan
 19 cooperative service program that fails to meet the standards adopted by the [Department]
 20 **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**.

21 23–206.

22 (a) Any two or more boards of library trustees acting as incorporators under this
 23 section and the nonstock corporation laws may organize a cooperative library corporation
 24 to administer joint library projects in their counties.

25 (b) (1) The membership of the corporation consists of the members of each
 26 board of library trustees that signs the articles of incorporation.

27 (2) If each of the member boards agree, another county may become a
 28 member of the corporation.

29 (c) The member boards may delegate any of their intracounty powers and duties
 30 to the corporation to the extent necessary to enable it to carry out and administer joint
 31 library projects.

1 (d) Professional and clerical employees of a cooperative library corporation shall
2 join the Teachers' Retirement System.

3 (e) Each cooperative library corporation:

4 (1) Is entitled to use the library fund;

5 (2) Shall have the annual audit required for a library;

6 (3) Shall make the annual report required of a board of library trustees;
7 and

8 (4) Is exempt from taxation under § 7-202 of the Tax – Property Article.

9 23-301.

10 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 (c) "Program" means the State Publications Depository and Distribution
12 Program.

13 23-302.

14 (a) There is created, as part of the State Library Resource Center at the Enoch
15 Pratt Free Library, a State Publications Depository and Distribution Program.

16 (b) This Program is responsible for:

17 (1) The collection of State publications;

18 (2) The distribution of State publications to the depository libraries;

19 (3) The monthly issuance of a list of all State publications that have been
20 received by the Center. This list shall be sent to all depository libraries and to others upon
21 request and the Center may provide for subscription services; and

22 (4) Making determinations on exemptions of State publications from the
23 depository requirements of this subtitle.

24 (c) The Administrator of the Program shall be appointed by the Director of the
25 State Library Resource Center.

26 (d) Funding for the Program shall be provided in the [aid to education] budget of
27 the State LIBRARY Board [of Education] in a program entitled State Publications
28 Depository.

29 23-402.

1 (a) (4) (i) For fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2022, the Governor shall
2 include in the State operating budget \$3,000,000 in general funds to support the additional
3 operating expenses for the increased hours of operation of the branches of the Enoch Pratt
4 Free Library that, in that fiscal year, will be subject to increased operating hours as
5 provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

6 (ii) 1. To receive any State funds under subparagraph (i) of this
7 paragraph, Baltimore City shall provide a 25% match for each dollar of State funds granted
8 to support the additional operating expenses related to the increased hours of operation of
9 the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library that, in that fiscal year, will be subject to
10 increased operating hours as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

11 2. Baltimore City may use public and private funds to satisfy
12 the requirements of subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph.

13 (iii) 1. In calculating the additional operating expenses of the
14 increased hours of operation, the baseline hours of operation of all branches of the Enoch
15 Pratt Free Library are those hours of operation in effect as of January 1, 2016.

16 2. The [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** shall
17 establish a process to distribute the State grant to Baltimore City or the Enoch Pratt Free
18 Library for the additional operating expenses related to the increased hours of operation.

19 23–405.

20 (a) In addition to any other powers granted or duties imposed by this subtitle,
21 each board of library trustees has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

22 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each board of
23 library trustees:

24 (i) Shall establish and operate the library to provide free services to
25 residents of the county in which it is located; and

26 (ii) May permit persons outside of the county to use the library
27 facilities on the terms and conditions it determines.

28 (2) In Baltimore City and Baltimore, Charles, Montgomery, and Prince
29 George's counties, the board of library trustees in each of these counties may permit a
30 library to charge fees for the rental of [video cassettes] **MEDIA**.

31 (c) Each board of library trustees may:

32 (1) Establish and operate libraries at any location in the county;

33 (2) Determine the policy of the library; and

1 (3) Adopt reasonable rules, regulations, and bylaws for the use of the
2 library and the conduct of its business.

3 (d) Each board of library trustees may:

4 (1) Advise in the preparation of, and approve, the library budget;

5 (2) Receive, account for, control, and supervise, under the rules and
6 regulations of the county governing body, the spending of all public funds received by the
7 library; and

8 (3) Use the services of the fiscal agencies of the county governing body.

9 (e) Each board of library trustees shall:

10 (1) Provide for an audit at least annually, by an accountant approved by
11 the State [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN** of its business and financial transactions and of
12 the accounts of its treasurer;

13 (2) Make public the results of the annual audit; and

14 (3) Make an annual report to the county governing body and the State
15 [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN** on or before November 1 of each year, except that a county
16 having a population of more than 500,000 and having a county library agency as provided
17 by § 23–401(b) of this subtitle shall submit their report by January 1. The report shall show:

18 (i) The amounts of money received from the library fund and other
19 sources;

20 (ii) The itemized expenses;

21 (iii) The number of books and periodicals the library has;

22 (iv) The results of the annual audit; and

23 (v) Any other information the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY**
24 **BOARD** requires.

25 (f) Each board of library trustees may:

26 (1) Accept any gift, grant, or appropriation for library purposes from any
27 person under any appropriate terms and conditions;

28 (2) Own and dispose of these gifts, grants, and appropriations;

1 (3) Recommend to the county governing body the acquisition, use, or
2 conveyance of property, for any purpose valid under this subtitle;

3 (4) Select the location of and approve plans for the erection of library
4 buildings, subject to the approval of the county governing body;

5 (5) Make contracts for any library service with any person; and

6 (6) Do anything else necessary for the proper control and development of
7 the library.

8 23-406.

9 (a) Each board of library trustees:

10 (1) Shall select and appoint a professional librarian eligible for certification
11 as director of the library to serve at the pleasure of the board; and

12 (2) May delegate to the director its authority to appoint any other
13 necessary employees.

14 (b) Each board of library trustees shall establish policies for:

15 (1) Staff classification;

16 (2) Salaries;

17 (3) Work conditions;

18 (4) Suspension with pay;

19 (5) Grievance procedures;

20 (6) Benefits, including vacation and sick leave;

21 (7) Hours of work; and

22 (8) Any other personnel procedures and practices necessary for the efficient
23 operation of the library.

24 (c) Each professional public librarian appointee to the professional library staff:

25 (1) Shall hold a certificate of library qualifications issued by the State
26 Superintendent; or

27 (2) (i) Shall be eligible for State certification as a professional public
28 librarian; and

1 (ii) Shall apply for certification within 6 months of starting
2 employment.

3 (d) (1) The director or the director's designee may suspend a library employee
4 without pay for a specified period up to 10 working days, for the following reasons:

5 (i) Misconduct in office;

6 (ii) Insubordination;

7 (iii) Incompetency; or

8 (iv) Willful neglect of duty.

9 (2) (i) The director or the director's designee shall give the suspended
10 employee a written statement that specifies the reasons for the suspension.

11 (ii) The director or the director's designee shall place a copy of the
12 written statement that specifies the reasons for the suspension in the employee's official
13 personnel file.

14 (3) (i) The employee shall have the opportunity to reply in writing to
15 the director within 10 working days after the employee receives notice of the suspension.

16 (ii) The employee may request a hearing before the board of trustees
17 within 10 working days after receiving notice of the suspension.

18 (iii) If the employee requests a hearing within the 10-day period, the
19 board shall promptly hold a hearing, but a hearing may not be set within 10 working days
20 after the board sends the employee a notice of the hearing.

21 (4) If an employee is suspended without pay and found not guilty of the
22 reasons for the suspension, the board shall refund all pay benefits lost by reason of the
23 suspension to the employee.

24 (5) Suspension of an employee with pay shall be as provided by the library's
25 personnel policy.

26 (e) (1) On written recommendation of the library director, each board of
27 library trustees may dismiss any library employee under its jurisdiction for any of the
28 following reasons:

29 (i) Misconduct in office;

30 (ii) Insubordination;

1 (iii) Incompetency; or

2 (iv) Willful neglect of duty.

3 (2) (i) Before removing an employee, the director shall send the
4 employee a written copy of the charges against the employee and give the employee an
5 opportunity to request a hearing before the board within 10 working days.

6 (ii) If the employee requests a hearing within the 10-day period the
7 board promptly shall hold a hearing, but a hearing may not be set within 10 working days
8 after the board sends the employee a notice of the hearing.

9 (iii) The employee shall have an opportunity to be heard publicly
10 before the board in his own defense, in person or by counsel and to bring witnesses to the
11 hearing.

12 (3) If the board votes to remove the employee and:

13 (i) The decision is unanimous, the decision of the board is final; or

14 (ii) The decision is not unanimous, the employee may appeal to the
15 State **LIBRARY** Board [of Education] through the State [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN**.

16 (f) The director of each library shall:

17 (1) Act as the general executive officer of the library and be responsible for
18 the management of its operations in accordance with policies approved by the board of
19 library trustees;

20 (2) Prepare the annual budget of the library, and present it to the board for
21 approval;

22 (3) Nominate for appointment all library employees in the county library
23 system; and

24 (4) Establish reasonable rules and adopt regulations for the use of the
25 library system subject to approval by the board of library trustees.

26 23-504.

27 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a public library shall
28 reimburse the State annually for the employer contributions made by the State for an
29 employee who:

30 (i) Is a member of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers'
31 Pension System under Division II of the State Personnel and Pensions Article; and

1 (ii) Is receiving a salary funded by a source other than State or local
2 aid.

3 (2) To the extent that an employee's salary is funded in part by sources
4 other than State or local aid, the public library shall reimburse the State a pro rata share
5 of the State's payment based on the percentage of the employee's salary funded by a source
6 other than State or local aid.

7 (b) (1) To ensure that each public library is properly reimbursing the State as
8 provided under subsection (a) of this section, the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**
9 or, at the [Department's] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD'S** request, a public library may at any
10 time examine the records of public libraries to determine whether the State's payments for
11 retirement contributions for employees of the public libraries are in accordance with the
12 provisions of Division II of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

13 (2) An audit conducted under paragraph (1) of this subsection may be:

14 (i) Included with an existing annual financial audit as a
15 supplemental part and tested independently;

16 (ii) Conducted in conjunction with a supplemental federally
17 mandated single audit of federal financial assistance programs and tested independently;
18 or

19 (iii) Conducted as a separate independent audit.

20 (c) (1) (i) If an examination of the records of a public library shows that
21 the State has paid more than is required under Division II of the State Personnel and
22 Pensions Article, within 30 days after the date of the notice to the library of the State
23 overpayment, the public library may appeal the notice of State overpayment to the
24 Secretary of Budget and Management who shall appoint a hearing examiner.

25 (ii) The hearing examiner shall make recommendations to the
26 Secretary of Budget and Management who shall make a final determination regarding the
27 amount, if any, of the State overpayment.

28 (2) If a public library does not appeal to the Secretary of Budget and
29 Management or if the Secretary of Budget and Management determines that the State is
30 due reimbursement for excess payments as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, at
31 the request of the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** the moneys owed shall be
32 deducted from any other State funds that would otherwise be paid to the public library.

33 (3) For purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act, an appeal taken
34 under this section is not a contested case.

35 (d) (1) Any reimbursements under subsection (a) of this section:

1 (i) Shall be applied first to the cost of any audit or portion of any
2 audit relating to subsection (a) of this section to reimburse either the [Department] **STATE**
3 **LIBRARY BOARD** or the public library for the expenses of the audits; and

4 (ii) After reimbursement to the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY**
5 **BOARD** or public library under item (i) of this paragraph, shall be credited to the General
6 Fund.

7 (2) If an audit under this section is performed by a public library, before
8 the public library is reimbursed under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the public library
9 shall provide documentation to the [Department] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD** that the
10 incremental costs of the audit incurred by the public library are reasonable.

11 23-506.

12 (a) The State [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN** shall authorize the payment of funds
13 under this subtitle:

14 (1) To the board of library trustees of each county that has a board of
15 trustees; or

16 (2) In each county that does not have a board of library trustees, to the
17 county.

18 (b) (1) Current operating funds shall be administered by the county board of
19 library trustees.

20 (2) Capital expense funds shall be administered by the county council,
21 board of county commissioners, or Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City.

22 (c) (1) The funds provided under this subtitle may be used only for library
23 purposes.

24 (2) The State [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN** shall require that these funds
25 be used subject to any conditions specified by the appropriating agency or imposed under
26 this subtitle.

27 23-506.1.

28 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

29 (2) "Obscene" has the meaning stated in § 11-203 of the Criminal Law
30 Article.

31 (3) "Child pornography" means a violation of § 11-207 of the Criminal Law
32 Article.

1 (b) On or before January 1, 2001, each county or board of trustees of a county
2 library shall:

3 (1) Adopt and implement policies and procedures to prevent minors from
4 obtaining access through the library, by means of the Internet, the World Wide Web,
5 Usenet, or any other interactive computer service to materials that are obscene or
6 constitute child pornography; and

7 (2) Submit the policies and procedures required under this section to the
8 State [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN** for review.

9 (c) The State [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN** or a designee of the State
10 [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN** shall regularly monitor the county libraries to determine
11 whether each library is complying with the policies and procedures adopted for preventing
12 a minor from obtaining Internet access to obscene materials through the library.

13 23-507.

14 The State [Superintendent] **LIBRARIAN** shall authorize the State Comptroller to
15 withhold State funds from any county that fails:

16 (1) To appropriate the amount of its share of the minimum program; or

17 (2) To meet the requirements of the law or of the State **LIBRARY** Board for
18 operating the county library.

19 [23-508.

20 Through fiscal year 1983, the State Department of Education shall satisfy its
21 obligation of former Article 77, § 177(e) by equal yearly payments.]

22 [23-509.] **23-508.**

23 Remuneration of an employee on account of sickness or accident of the employee
24 shall be paid and treated as sick pay and not as continuation of salary.

25 [23-510.] **23-509.**

26 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (2) "Capital project" means the:

28 (i) Acquisition of land or buildings for a county library; or

29 (ii) Construction or improvement of a county library.

1 (3) “Construction or improvement” means planning, design, engineering,
2 alteration, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, expansion, extension, improvement,
3 replacement, rehabilitation, renovation, upgrading, repair, or capital equipping.

4 (4) “County library” means a library in a county public library system in
5 the State.

6 (5) [“Division” means the Division of Library Development and Services in
7 the Department] **“STATE LIBRARY AGENCY” MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE**
8 **LIBRARY AGENCY.**

9 (b) (1) There is a State grant program for county public library capital projects
10 in the [Division] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY.**

11 (2) The grant program is in addition to the county–State minimum library
12 program established under § 23–502 of this subtitle.

13 (c) (1) The [Division] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY** shall develop and
14 administer a grant program to assist in the funding of county library capital projects.

15 (2) The purpose of the grant program is to:

16 (i) Provide a uniform and objective analysis of proposed capital
17 projects; and

18 (ii) Support projects that address the library needs in the State.

19 (3) Grants under the program:

20 (i) Require a matching fund from any combination of county,
21 municipal, or private sources; and

22 (ii) May not be for an amount less than \$20,000.

23 (d) (1) On or before July 15 of each year, a county public library system may
24 submit applications to the [Division] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY** to receive grants for
25 county library capital projects for the next fiscal year.

26 (2) In order to apply for a capital project grant, a county public library
27 system shall have:

28 (i) A countywide library plan that includes a mission statement,
29 needs statement, and multiyear goals and objectives on file with the [Division] **STATE**
30 **LIBRARY AGENCY**; and

1 (ii) A master plan that includes a description of the capital project
2 approved by the applicant's governing body.

3 (3) An application shall include:

4 (i) A description of the scope and purpose of the project;

5 (ii) A building plan that includes the estimated total cost of the
6 project; and

7 (iii) Any other information required by the [Division] **STATE**
8 **LIBRARY AGENCY**.

9 (4) A county public library system may not apply for more than three
10 capital project grants in a fiscal year.

11 (e) (1) The [Division] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY** shall review grant
12 applications submitted in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

13 (2) On or before October 1 of each year, the [Division] **STATE LIBRARY**
14 **AGENCY** shall make recommendations to the State **LIBRARY** Board regarding capital
15 project grants for the next fiscal year.

16 (3) In making its recommendations, the [Division] **STATE LIBRARY**
17 **AGENCY** shall consider:

18 (i) The public necessity and urgency of a project;

19 (ii) The need for additional sources of funding for a project;

20 (iii) The estimated cost and timeliness of executing a project;

21 (iv) The viability of matching funds for a project; and

22 (v) Geographic diversity.

23 (4) On or before November 1 of each year, the State **LIBRARY** Board shall:

24 (i) Approve capital projects for funding in the State budget for the
25 next fiscal year; and

26 (ii) Forward the list of approved capital projects to the Department
27 of Budget and Management.

1 (5) For fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall
2 include in the annual operating or capital budget submission \$5,000,000 for county library
3 capital projects.

4 (f) (1) The State share percentage for a county library capital project approved
5 under this section shall be calculated by dividing the State share of the minimum program
6 for a county calculated under § 23–505(b) of this subtitle by the library program amount
7 for a county calculated under § 23–503(b) of this subtitle, and multiplying this quotient by
8 1.25.

9 (2) (i) The minimum State share of a county library capital project is
10 50%.

11 (ii) The maximum State share of a county library capital project is
12 90%.

13 (g) The State **LIBRARY** Board shall report to the Governor and, in accordance
14 with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before October
15 1 of each year, on State grants awarded for county public library capital projects for the
16 prior fiscal year.

17 (h) The State **LIBRARY** Board shall adopt regulations to implement the grant
18 program established under this section.

19 25–302.

20 (a) No political subdivision of this State shall be party to a library agreement
21 which provides for the construction or maintenance of a library pursuant to Article III,
22 subdivision (c)(7) of the Compact, nor pledge its credit in support of such a library, or
23 contribute to the capital financing thereof, except after compliance with any laws applicable
24 to such political subdivisions relating to or governing capital outlays and the pledging of
25 credit.

26 (b) As used in the Compact, “State library agency,” with reference to this State,
27 means the [Division of Library Development and Services of the State Department of
28 Education] **MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY AGENCY**.

29 (c) An interstate library district lying partly within this State may claim and be
30 entitled to receive State aid in support of any of its functions to the same extent and in the
31 same manner as such functions are eligible for support when carried on by entities wholly
32 within this State. For the purposes of computing and apportioning State aid to an interstate
33 library district, this State will consider that portion of the area which lies within this State
34 as an independent entity for the performance of the aided function or functions and
35 compute and apportion the aid accordingly. Subject to any applicable laws of this State,
36 such a district also may apply for and be entitled to receive any federal aid for which it may
37 be eligible.

1 (d) The [Assistant Superintendent for Libraries] **STATE LIBRARIAN** shall be the
2 compact administrator pursuant to Article X of the Compact. The State **LIBRARY** Board
3 [of Education] on the recommendation of the State [Superintendent of Schools]
4 **LIBRARIAN** may appoint one or more deputy compact administrators pursuant to said
5 article.

6 (e) In the event of withdrawal from the Compact the Governor shall send and
7 receive any notices required by Article XI(b) of the Compact.

8 Article – State Finance and Procurement

9 3A-606.

10 (a) The Department in consultation with the Board and the Department of
11 Disabilities shall enter into an agreement with the [State Department of Education,
12 Division of Library Development and Services] **STATE LIBRARY BOARD**, providing for an
13 annual payment to be made to the [Division] **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY** in an amount
14 equal to the cost incurred for the distribution of newspapers in a computerized audio
15 format.

16 (b) Under the agreement, the [Division of Library Development and Services]
17 **STATE LIBRARY AGENCY** shall provide eligible blind and disabled individuals with access
18 to newspapers in a computerized audio format by a qualified entity.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

20 (a) The duties and responsibilities of the Division of Library Development and
21 Services in the State Department of Education shall be transferred to the State Library
22 Agency and the State Library Board on July 1, 2017.

23 (b) (1) All appropriations for fiscal year 2018, including State and federal
24 funds, held by the Division of Library Development and Services in the State Department
25 of Education to carry out the duties and responsibilities transferred under this Act shall be
26 transferred to the State Library Agency and the State Library Board on and after July 1,
27 2017.

28 (2) Funding for the services and programs under the State Library Agency
29 and the State Library Board shall be provided for in the fiscal 2019 State budget.

30 (3) (i) Any onetime costs incurred to carry out the transfer of duties and
31 responsibilities under subsection (a) of this section shall be paid by county public libraries,
32 the State Library Resource Center, and regional resource centers.

33 (ii) The State Library Board and the State Library Agency shall
34 collect any onetime costs from among the entities referenced in subparagraph (i) of this
35 paragraph in proportion to the population in each service area.

1 (c) On July 1, 2017, all of the functions, powers, duties, books and records
2 (including electronic records), real and personal property, equipment, fixtures, assets,
3 liabilities, obligations, credits, rights, and privileges of the Division of Library Development
4 and Services that are transferred under this Act shall be transferred to the State Library
5 Agency and the State Library Board.

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as of July 1, 2017, the
7 Division of Library Development and Services is hereby abolished and the State Library
8 Agency and the State Library Board shall be the successor of the Division.

9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all employees who are
10 transferred to the State Library Agency and the State Library Board as a result of this Act
11 shall be transferred without diminution of their rights, benefits, employment, or retirement
12 status.

13 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided
14 to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute added,
15 amended, repealed, or transferred under this Act and validly entered into before the
16 effective date of this Act, and every right, duty, or interest flowing from it remains valid
17 after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or
18 enforced under the law.

19 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided
20 by law, all existing laws, regulations, proposed regulations, standards and guidelines,
21 policies, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, contracts, property,
22 investigations, administrative and judicial responsibilities, rights to sue and be sued, and
23 all other duties and responsibilities associated with the functions of the agencies and units
24 that are the subject of this Act prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue in effect
25 under and, as appropriate, are legal and binding on the State Library Agency and the State
26 Library Board until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed under
27 the law.

28 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Library Board shall
29 be the successor to the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries and nothing in this Act
30 shall affect the terms of office of a member of the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries
31 who is serving on the effective date of this Act. An individual who is a member of any such
32 entity on the effective date of this Act shall remain a member for the balance of the term to
33 which the member is appointed, unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed
34 under appropriate provisions of law.

35 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the
36 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the
37 Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by the
38 General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act or by
39 any other Act of the General Assembly of 2017 that affects provisions enacted by this Act.

1 The publisher shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's note following
2 the section affected.

3 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any provision of this Act or
4 the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a
5 court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other
6 application of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application,
7 and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

8 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.