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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Libraries – Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and State**  
3 **Library Board – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of renaming the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically  
5 Handicapped to be the Maryland Library for the Blind and Print Disabled; altering  
6 the appointed membership of the Maryland State Library Board to include a certain  
7 blind individual; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally  
8 relating to the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the  
9 State Library Board.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 11–901(a) and 23–107(a) and (b)(1) and (2)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Education  
17 Section 11–901(d), 11–902(a), 23–101, 23–106(b)(7), 23–107(b)(3), and 23–205(a)(3),  
18 (e), and (f)(1)(i)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 11-901.

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

3 (d) "Library" means the Maryland Library for the Blind and [Physically  
4 Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED**.

5 11-902.

6 (a) On or before December 1, 2007, in order to coordinate the distribution of  
7 instructional materials to blind and other print disabled students, the Maryland Library  
8 for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED** shall convene an  
9 Instructional Materials Access Guidelines Committee.

10 23-101.

11 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 **(B) "PRINT DISABLED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CANNOT**  
13 **EFFECTIVELY READ PRINT BECAUSE OF A VISUAL, PHYSICAL, PERCEPTUAL,**  
14 **DEVELOPMENTAL, COGNITIVE, OR LEARNING DISABILITY.**

15 **[(b)] (C)** "State Library Agency" means the Maryland State Library Agency.

16 **[(c)] (D)** "State Library Board" means the Maryland State Library Board.

17 23-106.

18 (b) The State Library Agency shall:

19 (7) Provide:

20 (i) Specialized library service to the blind and other [physically  
21 handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED** individuals in this State; and

22 (ii) Other desirable specialized library services;

23 23-107.

24 (a) There is a Maryland State Library Board.

25 (b) (1) The State Library Board consists of 12 members, 7 of whom are  
26 appointed by the Governor. Each member is entitled to participate fully and equally in the  
27 activities of the Board.

1 (2) Each member shall:

2 (i) Be a resident of this State;

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

5 (iii) Represent the interests of the citizens of this State in better  
6 library services.

7 (3) (i) Of the appointed members:

8 1. [Five] **FOUR** shall be selected from the public at large;

9 2. One shall be a professional librarian; [and]

10 3. One shall be a library trustee; **AND**

11 4. **ONE SHALL BE A BLIND PATRON OF THE MARYLAND**  
12 **LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED.**

13 (ii) The Governor shall ensure geographic diversity when appointing  
14 members.

15 23–205.

16 (a) Each year, the State Library Board may include in its budget operating funds  
17 for:

18 (3) The Maryland Library for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped]  
19 **PRINT DISABLED;**

20 (e) Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Maryland  
21 Library for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED** shall receive an  
22 amount equivalent to at least 25% of the amount received by the State Library Resource  
23 Center for the same fiscal year under subsection (d) of this section.

24 (f) (1) The State Library Board shall:

25 (i) Disburse funds to the State and regional resource centers, the  
26 Maryland Library for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED**, and  
27 metropolitan cooperative service programs; and

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2020.