

SENATE BILL 524

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Building Lifelong Library Learners Act**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public library from charging a minor an overdue fine or
4 fee for an overdue library book; prohibiting a public library from charging a minor a
5 replacement fine or fee until a certain date; requiring a public library to cancel or
6 return a certain replacement fine or fee if a book is returned; prohibiting a public
7 library from collecting any outstanding fine or fee incurred by a minor for an overdue
8 book on or before certain dates; altering the calculation of certain funding for the
9 State Library Research Center and each county public library system for certain
10 fiscal years; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the annual
11 operating or capital budget submission for county capital projects; defining a certain
12 term; and generally relating to public libraries in the State.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 23–110

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article – Education

20 Section 23–505(d), 23–503(b), and 23–509(e)(5)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Education

2 23–110.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “OVERDUE FINE OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY
4 BOOK” INCLUDES ANY FINE OR FEE CHARGED BY A PUBLIC LIBRARY TO AN
5 INDIVIDUAL FOR NOT RETURNING A LIBRARY BOOK BY THE DUE DATE.6 (B) (1) A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT CHARGE A MINOR AN OVERDUE FINE
7 OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK.8 (2) (I) A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT CHARGE A MINOR A
9 REPLACEMENT FINE OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK UNTIL THREE
10 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE LIBRARY BOOK WAS DUE.11 (II) IF AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK IS RETURNED AFTER A
12 PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS CHARGED A MINOR A REPLACEMENT FINE OR FEE, THE PUBLIC
13 LIBRARY SHALL CANCEL THE FINE OR FEE OR RETURN THE FINE OR FEE AMOUNT
14 TO THE MINOR.15 (C) A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ANY OUTSTANDING
16 FINE OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK THAT WAS INCURRED BY A MINOR ON
17 OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2020.

18 23–205.

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

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

23 (i) For each of fiscal years 2010 through 2016.....\$1.67 per
24 State resident;25 (ii) For fiscal year 2017.....\$1.69 per State
26 resident;27 (iii) For fiscal year 2018.....\$1.73 per State
28 resident;29 (iv) For fiscal year 2019.....\$1.77 per State
30 resident;

31 (v) For fiscal year 2020.....\$1.81 per State

1 resident; [and]

2 (vi) For fiscal year 2021 [and each fiscal year thereafter].....\$1.85
3 per State resident;

4 **(VII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 \$1.89 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

5 **(VIII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 \$1.93 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

6 **(IX) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 \$1.97 PER STATE RESIDENT;**

7 **(X) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 ...\$2.01 PER STATE RESIDENT; AND**

8 **(XI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
9 THEREAFTER.....\$2.05 PER STATE RESIDENT.**

10 23–503.

11 (b) (1) Each county public library system that participates in the minimum
12 library program shall be provided for each resident of the county, to be used for operating
13 and capital expenses:

14 (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015 – \$14.00;

15 (ii) For fiscal year 2016 – \$14.27;

16 (iii) For fiscal year 2017 – \$14.54;

17 (iv) For fiscal year 2018 – \$15.00;

18 (v) For fiscal year 2019 – \$15.50;

19 (vi) For fiscal year 2020 – \$16.00;

20 (vii) For fiscal year 2021 – \$16.43; and

21 (viii) For fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter – [\$16.70]
22 **\$17.10.**

23 (2) (i) The State shall share in this amount.

24 (ii) Any county may provide an amount greater than its share under
25 the cooperative program, but the State may not share in the excess.

26 23–509.

1 (e) (5) (I) For EACH OF fiscal [year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter,]
2 **YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2021**, the Governor shall include in the annual operating or
3 capital budget submission \$5,000,000 for county library capital projects.

4 (II) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
5 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING OR
6 CAPITAL BUDGET SUBMISSION \$7,500,000 FOR COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL
7 PROJECTS.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2020.