

HB0685/813523/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 685
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “years;” insert “requiring each public library to offer at least one type of service beginning on a certain date;”; and after line 10, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 23-410

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 21, strike “**2023**” and substitute “2024”; in the same line, strike “**\$9.19**” and substitute “\$8.95”; in line 23, strike “**2024**” and substitute “2025”; in the same line, strike “**\$9.65**” and substitute “\$9.15”; in line 25, strike “**2025**” and substitute “2026”; in the same line, strike “**\$10.13**” and substitute “\$9.35”; in line 27, strike “**2026**” and substitute “2027”; and in the same line, strike “**\$10.64**” and substitute “\$10.33”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “**2027**” and substitute “2028”; in line 2, strike “**\$11.17**” and substitute “\$10.35”; after line 3, insert:

“23-410.

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, EACH PUBLIC LIBRARY MUST OFFER AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ALONE OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITS OF GOVERNMENT OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

(1) A PROGRAM TO INCREASE SCORES ON THE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED UNDER § 7-210 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO CLOSE LEARNING GAPS CREATED BY LACK OF ACCESS TO EDUCATION, INCLUDING LEARNING GAPS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC;

(3) AN INITIATIVE TO EXPAND DIGITAL EQUITY AND ACCESS TO FREE COMPUTING AND BROADBAND INTERNET;

(4) AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION AND SKILLS, HEALTH LITERACY, INSTRUCTION ON OPERATING A SMALL BUSINESS, AND INSTRUCTION ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;

(5) SERVING AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND DISTRIBUTION SITE DURING PUBLIC EMERGENCIES;

(6) A PROGRAM TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STEM EDUCATION, INCLUDING BY PROVIDING ACTIVITIES, CLASSES, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS; AND

(7) SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND REDUCING SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL ISOLATION.”;

in line 27, strike “\$17.78” and substitute “\$17.30”; and in line 28, strike “\$18.50” and substitute “\$17.50”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “\$19.24” and substitute “\$17.70”; and in line 3, strike “\$20.00” and substitute “\$17.90”.