

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2022 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader

Senate Bill 204

(Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - State Library)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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State Libraries – Maryland State Library Board – Membership

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This departmental bill alters the membership of the Maryland State Library Board.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Maryland State Library Agency (MSLA) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** The Maryland State Library Board is responsible for the general direction and control of library development in the State. After considering the recommendations of the State Librarian, the board establishes library policies and procedures for the statewide system of libraries. The board is composed of 12 members; seven members are appointed by the Governor to five-year terms while five serve *ex officio*. MSLA advises that the Maryland Higher Education Commission does not have jurisdiction over academic libraries and, thus, has not participated in board meetings for several years. As a substitute, the Congress of Academic Library Directors (CALD) would provide effective representation for libraries of higher education in Maryland. CALD is an organization open to library directors in post-secondary institutions in Maryland.

Objectives of the organization include the promotion of cooperation between academic libraries, other libraries, and various units of State and local government.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Library Agency; Department of Legislative Services

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## **ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES**

TITLE OF BILL: State Libraries – Maryland State Library Board – Membership

BILL NUMBER: SB 204

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### **PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING**

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

  X   WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESSES

**OR**

       WILL HAVE A MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESSES

### **PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**