

SENATE BILL 300

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Ways and Means* —

Introduced by **Senator McCray**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Young Readers Program —~~Expansion and~~ *and Young Readers***
3 ***Matching Grant Program* – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~altering~~ *transferring* the Baltimore City Young Readers Program ~~to be~~
5 ~~the Statewide Young Readers Program; establishing the Program within~~ *and the*
6 *Young Readers Matching Grant Program* to the Maryland State Library Agency;
7 ~~altering the purpose of the Program; and~~ requiring the State Librarian to administer
8 the ~~Program; programs; altering the purpose of the programs;~~ authorizing public
9 libraries to apply for ~~program grants~~ *grants from the Young Readers Matching Grant*
10 *Program; requiring program grant applicants to prioritize the distribution of books*
11 ~~to children in low income zip codes within the applicants' area of service; and~~
12 generally relating to the Baltimore City Young Readers Program *and the Young*
13 *Readers Matching Grant Program.*

14 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 ~~Article – Human Services~~
 2 ~~Section 8–1401 through 8–1403~~
 3 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 4 ~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)~~

5 BY repealing
 6 Article – Human Services
 7 Section 8–1401
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

10 BY transferring
 11 Article – Human Services
 12 Section 8–1402 and 8–1403
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 to be
 16 Article – Education
 17 Section 23–110 and 23–111, respectively,
 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
 19 (2022 Replacement Volume)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 21 Article – Education
 22 Section 23–110 and 23–111
 23 Annotated Code of Maryland
 24 (2022 Replacement Volume)
 25 (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 27 That Section(s) 8–1401 of Article – Human Services of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
 28 repealed.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 8–1402 and 8–1403
 30 of Article – Human Services of the Annotated Code of Maryland be transferred to be
 31 Section(s) 23–110 and 23–111, respectively, of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of
 32 Maryland.

33 ~~SECTION 1.~~ SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 34 ~~OF MARYLAND,~~ That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

35 Article – ~~Human Services~~ Education

36 ~~8–1401.~~

37 ~~In this subtitle, “early reader organization” means a nonprofit organization.~~

1 ~~(1) that is tax exempt under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and~~

2 ~~(2) whose mission is to [mail] DISTRIBUTE to children free, high quality~~
3 ~~books designed to aid the development of reading skills.~~

4 ~~§ 1402, 23-110.~~

5 (a) (1) In this section, “Program” means the ~~[Baltimore City] STATEWIDE~~
6 ~~Young Readers Program~~ THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

7 (2) “EARLY READER ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT
8 ORGANIZATION:

9 (I) THAT IS TAX EXEMPT UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL
10 REVENUE CODE; AND

11 (II) WHOSE MISSION IS TO DISTRIBUTE TO CHILDREN FREE,
12 HIGH-QUALITY BOOKS DESIGNED TO AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF READING SKILLS.

13 (3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE BALTIMORE CITY YOUNG READERS
14 PROGRAM.

15 (b) There is a ~~[Baltimore City] STATEWIDE~~ Young Readers Program in the
16 ~~[Division] MARYLAND~~ STATE LIBRARY AGENCY.

17 (c) The purpose of the Program is to work with an early reader organization to
18 ~~[mail] DISTRIBUTE~~ free, high-quality books to children in ~~[Baltimore City] MARYLAND.~~

19 (d) The ~~[Deputy Director] STATE LIBRARIAN~~ shall:

20 (1) ~~administer~~ ADMINISTER the Program; and

21 (2) ~~carry~~ CARRY out the Program in partnership with an early reader
22 organization partner.

23 (e) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an
24 appropriation of \$200,000 to the Program.

25 ~~§ 1403, 23-111.~~

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

27 (2) “Affiliated service” means a book-gifting service performed by a
28 nonprofit organization that is tax exempt under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

1 or a unit of State, county, or municipal government that forms an affiliated partnership
2 with an early reader organization.

3 (3) “EARLY READER ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT
4 ORGANIZATION:

5 (I) THAT IS TAX EXEMPT UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL
6 REVENUE CODE; AND

7 (II) WHOSE MISSION IS TO DISTRIBUTE TO CHILDREN FREE,
8 HIGH-QUALITY BOOKS DESIGNED TO AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF READING SKILLS.

9 (4) “Program” means the Young Readers Matching Grant Program.

10 (b) There is a Young Readers Matching Grant Program in the [Division]
11 ~~MARYLAND~~ STATE LIBRARY AGENCY.

12 (c) The purpose of the Program is to provide grants to PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND
13 affiliated services to:

14 (1) ~~support~~ SUPPORT the establishment and operation of affiliated
15 services; and

16 (2) ~~contribute~~ CONTRIBUTE an amount equal to the amount of funding
17 provided for the operation of an affiliated service.

18 (d) The [Deputy Director] STATE LIBRARIAN shall administer the Program.

19 (e) (1) [An] A PUBLIC LIBRARY OR AN affiliated service may submit an
20 application for a program grant on the form that the [Deputy Director] STATE LIBRARIAN
21 requires.

22 (2) An application for a program grant shall include a plan to ensure that
23 the PUBLIC LIBRARY OR THE affiliated service is able to gift books to eligible children,
24 ~~[including] PRIORITIZING~~ children in low-income zip codes within its area of service.

25 (3) A program grant shall be disbursed to A PUBLIC LIBRARY OR an
26 affiliated service that qualifies for the Program.

27 (F) THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD SHALL:

28 (1) ~~ON~~ ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EVERY OTHER YEAR
29 THEREAFTER, REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
30 THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
31 ARTICLE; AND

1 (2) ~~COLLECT~~ COLLECT STATISTICS AND OTHER INFORMATION
2 NECESSARY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3 [(f)] (G) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual budget
4 bill an appropriation of [\$250,000] ~~\$500,000~~ \$350,000 to the Program.

5 SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.