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**HB 1115**

**Libraries – Regional Resource Centers – Governance Requirements**

• ***Why is the Bill being introduced?***

In 1957, when the Regional Resource Center statute was passed into law, the Resource Centers were a very small part of the regions they served. Today they play a major influential role for the county library systems they support. The current law does not adequately describe Regional Resource Centers and their governance in terms of their expanded role.

• ***What does the Bill do?***

HB1115 brings Maryland's three Regional Resource Centers into compliance with community-based, principled governance structures that employ best practices for a non-profit entity funded by taxpayers.

• ***Why is it important to pass now?***

HB1115 links Maryland Code, § 23-202, Regional Resource Centers (RRC) with the evolved governance structures in use at the Regional Resource Centers today.