

HOUSE BILL 144

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Libraries – Regional, State, and County – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of certain funding for each participating
4 regional resource center, the State Library Resource Center, and each county public
5 library system for certain fiscal years; and generally relating to funding for regional,
6 State, and county libraries.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 23–205 and 23–503

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Education**

15 23–205.

16 (a) Each year, the Department may include in its budget operating funds for:

17 (1) The State Library Resource Center;

18 (2) Each regional resource center;

19 (3) The Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; and

20 (4) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) The State shall pay all capital expenses for:

2 (i) The State Library Resource Center; and

3 (ii) Each regional resource center.

4 (2) Before any money is spent under this subsection, the appropriate board
5 of library trustees shall:

6 (i) Have the project approved by the Department;

7 (ii) Through the Department, submit the request to the Department
8 of Budget and Management for consideration under Title 3, Subtitle 6 of the State Finance
9 and Procurement Article; and

10 (iii) Agree to reimburse the Department an amount the Department
11 determines if the facility ceases to be used for a resource center or cooperative service
12 program.

13 (c) (1) Each year each participating regional resource center shall receive a
14 minimum amount of funding for each resident of the area served, to be used for operating
15 and capital expenses.

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

17 (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.....\$6.75 per each
18 resident of the area served;

19 (ii) For fiscal year 2016..... \$6.95 per each resident of the area
20 served;

21 (iii) For fiscal year 2017..... \$7.15 per each resident of the area
22 served;

23 (iv) For fiscal year 2018..... [~~\$7.35~~] **\$7.55** per each resident of the
24 area served;

25 (v) For fiscal year 2019.....[~~\$7.55~~] **\$7.95** per each resident of the
26 area served;

27 (vi) For fiscal year 2020..... [~~\$7.75~~] **\$8.35** per each resident of the
28 area served;

29 (vii) For fiscal year 2021..... [~~\$7.95~~] **\$8.55** per each resident of the
30 area served; AND

1 (viii) For fiscal year 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
2 THEREAFTER..... [~~\$8.15~~] **\$8.75** per each resident of the area served[;

3 (ix) For fiscal year 2023..... \$8.35 per each resident of the area
4 served;

5 (x) For fiscal year 2024..... \$8.55 per each resident of the area
6 served; and

7 (xi) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter..... \$8.75
8 per each resident of the area served].

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

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

13 (i) For each of fiscal years 2010 through 2016.....\$1.67 per State
14 resident;

15 (ii) For fiscal year 2017\$1.69 per State resident;

16 (iii) For fiscal year 2018 [~~\$1.71~~] **\$1.73** per State resident;

17 (iv) For fiscal year 2019 [~~\$1.73~~] **\$1.77** per State resident;

18 (v) For fiscal year 2020 [~~\$1.75~~] **\$1.81** per State resident; AND

19 (vi) For fiscal year 2021 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
20 THEREAFTER..... [~~\$1.77~~] **\$1.85** per State resident[;

21 (vii) For fiscal year 2022\$1.79 per State resident;

22 (viii) For fiscal year 2023\$1.81 per State resident;

23 (ix) For fiscal year 2024 \$1.83 per State resident; and

24 (x) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.....\$1.85
25 per State resident].

26 (e) Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Maryland
27 Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped shall receive an amount equivalent to at
28 least 25% of the amount received by the State Library Resource Center for the same fiscal
29 year under subsection (d) of this section.

1 (f) (1) The Department shall:

2 (i) Disburse funds to the State and regional resource centers, the
3 Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and metropolitan cooperative
4 service programs; and

5 (ii) Require that these funds be used subject to any conditions
6 specified by the appropriating agency or imposed under this subtitle.

7 (2) The Department may authorize the State Comptroller to withhold
8 funds from any regional resource center or metropolitan cooperative service program that
9 fails to meet the standards adopted by the Department.

10 23-503.

11 (a) (1) The entire capital and operating cost of the minimum library program
12 for this State as a whole shall be shared as provided in this subsection.

13 (2) The State shall provide:

14 (i) Approximately 40 percent of the total cost of the minimum
15 program; and

16 (ii) Not less than 20 percent of the cost of the minimum program in
17 any county.

18 (3) The counties participating in the program together shall provide
19 through local taxes approximately 60 percent of the total statewide cost of the minimum
20 program.

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

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

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

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

27 (iv) For fiscal year 2018 – [~~\$14.81~~] **\$15.00**;

28 (v) For fiscal year 2019 – [~~\$15.08~~] **\$15.50**;

29 (vi) For fiscal year 2020 – [~~\$15.35~~] **\$16.00**;

30 (vii) For fiscal year 2021 – [~~\$15.62~~] **\$16.43**;

1 (viii) For fiscal year 2022 **AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**
2 **– [\$15.89] \$16.70[;**

3 (ix) For fiscal year 2023 – \$16.16;

4 (x) For fiscal year 2024 – \$16.43; and

5 (xi) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter – \$16.70].

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

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

9 (c) Any employer Social Security contributions required by federal law for any
10 employee in a county public library system shall remain the obligation of the employer.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2016.