

# HOUSE BILL 1401

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Enoch Pratt Free Library – Hours of Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the hours and days of the week that each branch of the  
4 Enoch Pratt Free Library is open to the public; requiring the State to remit to  
5 Baltimore City each year a certain percentage of certain additional operating  
6 expenses of the Enoch Pratt Free Library; requiring Baltimore City to provide  
7 funding for a certain percentage of certain additional operating expenses of the  
8 Enoch Pratt Free Library; providing for a certain calculation; and generally relating  
9 to the hours of operation of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article – Education

12 Section 23–402(a)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 23–402.

19 (a) (1) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be governed by the  
20 requirements and regulations pertaining to the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore City  
21 as provided in Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1882 and any other laws applicable to the  
22 operation of public libraries.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2)     The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free  
2 Library are as provided in Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1882 and the Charter and the Articles  
3 of Incorporation of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and other laws applicable to the Board of  
4 Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

5           **(3)     EACH BRANCH OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY SHALL BE**  
6 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 7 DAYS A WEEK FROM 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M., EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS.**

7           **(4)     (I)     AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, BEGINNING WITH**  
8 **FISCAL YEAR 2018 THE STATE SHALL REMIT TO BALTIMORE CITY EACH YEAR AN**  
9 **AMOUNT EQUAL TO 80% OF THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES RELATED TO**  
10 **THE INCREASED HOURS OF OPERATION OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE ENOCH PRATT**  
11 **FREE LIBRARY PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

12           **(II)     BALTIMORE CITY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING**  
13 **FUNDING EACH YEAR FOR THE REMAINING 20% OF THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING**  
14 **EXPENSES RELATED TO THE INCREASED HOURS OF OPERATION OF ALL BRANCHES**  
15 **OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS**  
16 **SUBSECTION.**

17           **(III)    IN CALCULATING THE ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES**  
18 **OF THE INCREASED HOURS OF OPERATION, THE BASELINE HOURS OF OPERATION**  
19 **OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY ARE THOSE HOURS OF**  
20 **OPERATION IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016.**

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2016.