

# SENATE BILL 524

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Building Lifelong Library Learners Act**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public library from charging a minor an overdue fine or  
4 fee for an overdue library book; prohibiting a public library from charging a minor a  
5 replacement fine or fee until a certain date; requiring a public library to cancel or  
6 return a certain replacement fine or fee if a book is returned; prohibiting a public  
7 library from collecting any outstanding fine or fee incurred by a minor for an overdue  
8 book on or before certain dates; altering the calculation of certain funding for the  
9 State Library Research Center and each county public library system for certain  
10 fiscal years; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the annual  
11 operating or capital budget submission for county capital projects; defining a certain  
12 term; and generally relating to public libraries in the State.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 23–110  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Education  
20 Section 23–505(d), 23–503(b), and 23–509(e)(5)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education

23–110.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OVERDUE FINE OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK” INCLUDES ANY FINE OR FEE CHARGED BY A PUBLIC LIBRARY TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR NOT RETURNING A LIBRARY BOOK BY THE DUE DATE.

(B) (1) A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT CHARGE A MINOR AN OVERDUE FINE OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK.

(2) (I) A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT CHARGE A MINOR A REPLACEMENT FINE OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK UNTIL THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE LIBRARY BOOK WAS DUE.

(II) IF AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK IS RETURNED AFTER A PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS CHARGED A MINOR A REPLACEMENT FINE OR FEE, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SHALL CANCEL THE FINE OR FEE OR RETURN THE FINE OR FEE AMOUNT TO THE MINOR.

(C) A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ANY OUTSTANDING FINE OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK THAT WAS INCURRED BY A MINOR ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2020.

23–205.

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

(2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows:

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

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

(iii) For fiscal year 2018.....\$1.73 per State resident;

(iv) For fiscal year 2019.....\$1.77 per State resident;

(v) For fiscal year 2020.....\$1.81 per State

1 resident; [and]

2 (vi) For fiscal year 2021 [and each fiscal year thereafter].....\$1.85  
3 per State resident;

4 (VII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 .....\$1.89 PER STATE RESIDENT;

5 (VIII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 .....\$1.93 PER STATE RESIDENT;

6 (IX) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 .....\$1.97 PER STATE RESIDENT;

7 (X) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 ...\$2.01 PER STATE RESIDENT; AND

8 (XI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
9 THEREAFTER.....\$2.05 PER STATE RESIDENT.

10 23-503.

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

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

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

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

17 (iv) For fiscal year 2018 – \$15.00;

18 (v) For fiscal year 2019 – \$15.50;

19 (vi) For fiscal year 2020 – \$16.00;

20 (vii) For fiscal year 2021 – \$16.43; and

21 (viii) For fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter – [\$16.70]

22 **\$17.10.**

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

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

26 23-509.

1           (e)   (5)   **(I)**   For **EACH OF** fiscal [year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter,]  
2 **YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2021**, the Governor shall include in the annual operating or  
3 capital budget submission \$5,000,000 for county library capital projects.

4                           **(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**  
5 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING OR**  
6 **CAPITAL BUDGET SUBMISSION \$7,500,000 FOR COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL**  
7 **PROJECTS.**

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2020.