

# HOUSE BILL 685

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Regional Resource Centers and Libraries – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of certain funding for certain regional resource  
4 centers and each county public library system for certain fiscal years; and generally  
5 relating to the public libraries in the State.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Education

8 Section 23–202(b)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Education

13 Section 23–205(c) and 23–503

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

19 23–202.

20 (b) Each regional resource center shall provide, through mutual cooperation and  
21 coordination, books, information, and other material and service resources that an  
22 individual library cannot provide adequately by itself.

23 23–205.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

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

11 (iv) For fiscal year 2018..... \$7.55 per each resident of the area  
12 served;

13 (v) For fiscal year 2019..... \$7.95 per each resident of the area  
14 served;

15 (vi) For fiscal year 2020..... \$8.35 per each resident of the area  
16 served;

17 (vii) For fiscal year 2021..... \$8.55 per each resident of the area  
18 served; [and]

19 (viii) For fiscal year 2022 [and each fiscal year thereafter].....  
20 \$8.75 per each resident of the area served;

21 (IX) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023..... \$9.19 PER EACH RESIDENT  
22 OF THE AREA SERVED;

23 (X) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024..... \$9.65 PER EACH RESIDENT  
24 OF THE AREA SERVED;

25 (XI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025..... \$10.13 PER EACH RESIDENT  
26 OF THE AREA SERVED;

27 (XII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026..... \$10.64 PER EACH RESIDENT  
28 OF THE AREA SERVED; AND

1 (XIII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
2 THEREAFTER.....\$11.17 PER EACH RESIDENT  
3 OF THE AREA SERVED.

4 23-503.

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

7 (2) The State shall provide:

8 (i) Approximately 40 percent of the total cost of the minimum  
9 program; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (vii) For fiscal year 2021 – \$16.43; [and]

25 (viii) For EACH OF fiscal [year] YEARS 2022 and [each fiscal year  
26 thereafter] 2023 – \$17.10;

27 (IX) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 – \$17.78;

28 (X) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 – \$18.50;

1                   **(XI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – \$19.24; AND**

2                   **(XII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**  
3 **THEREAFTER – \$20.00.**

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

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

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

9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2022.