

Chapter 549

(Senate Bill 337)

AN ACT concerning

Libraries – Regional, State, and County – Funding

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 23–205 and 23–503
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

23–205.

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

- (1) The State Library Resource Center;
- (2) Each regional resource center;
- (3) The Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; and
- (4) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

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

- (i) The State Library Resource Center; and
- (ii) Each regional resource center.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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 [\$1.71] **\$1.73** per State resident;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) (1) The Department shall:

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

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

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

23–503.

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

(2) The State shall provide:

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) For fiscal year 2016 – \$14.27;

(iii) For fiscal year 2017 – \$14.54;

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

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

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

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

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

(ix) For fiscal year 2023 – \$16.16;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.