

SENATE BILL 419

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Libraries – Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped –**
3 **Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Department of Education to include
5 operating funds for the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically
6 Handicapped in its budget; requiring the Maryland Library for the Blind and
7 Physically Handicapped to receive a certain amount of funding each year;
8 requiring the Department to disburse funds to the Maryland Library for the
9 Blind and Physically Handicapped; and generally relating to funding for the
10 Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 23–205
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 23–205.

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

21 (1) The State Library Resource Center;

22 (2) Each regional resource center; [and]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) THE MARYLAND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY**
2 **HANDICAPPED; AND**

3 ~~[(3)]~~ **(4)** Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

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

5 (i) The State Library Resource Center; and

6 (ii) Each regional resource center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2016.....\$6.75 per
21 each resident of the area served;

22 (ii) For fiscal year 2017.....\$7.00 per each resident of the
23 area served;

24 (iii) For fiscal year 2018.....\$7.25 per each resident of the
25 area served; and

26 (iv) For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year
27 thereafter.....\$7.50 per each resident of the area served.

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

- 1 (2) The allocation shall be calculated as follows:
- 2 (i) For each of fiscal years 2010 through 2016.....\$1.67 per
3 State resident;
- 4 (ii) For fiscal year 2017.....\$1.73 per State resident;
- 5 (iii) For fiscal year 2018.....\$1.79 per State resident; and
- 6 (iv) For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year
7 thereafter.....\$1.85 per State resident.

8 (e) **EACH FISCAL YEAR THE MARYLAND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND**
9 **PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED SHALL RECEIVE AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO AT**
10 **LEAST 25% OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE**
11 **CENTER FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

- 12 (F) (1) The Department shall:
- 13 (i) Disburse funds to the State and regional resource centers,
14 **THE MARYLAND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED,**
15 and metropolitan cooperative service programs; and
- 16 (ii) Require that these funds be used subject to any conditions
17 specified by the appropriating agency or imposed under this subtitle.
- 18 (2) The Department may authorize the State Comptroller to withhold
19 funds from any regional resource center or metropolitan cooperative service program
20 that fails to meet the standards adopted by the Department.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2014.