

Chapter 540

(Senate Bill 571)

AN ACT concerning

~~Libraries—Maryland~~ Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Division of Library Development and Services in the State Department of Education to establish and coordinate the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library; requiring the Division to coordinate with the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in establishing the digital library; specifying a certain purpose and content of the digital library~~ creating the Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article—Education
Section 23-105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)~~

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

~~Article—Education~~

~~23-105.~~

~~(a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title, and subject to the authority of the State Board, the Division of Library Development and Services has the powers and duties set forth in this section.~~

~~(b) The Division of Library Development and Services shall:~~

~~(1) Provide leadership and guidance for the planning and coordinated development of library and information service in this State;~~

- ~~(2) Develop statewide public and school library services and networks, resource centers, and other arrangements to meet the library and information needs of this State;~~
- ~~(3) Provide professional and technical advice on improving library services in this State to:~~
- ~~(i) Public and school library officials;~~
 - ~~(ii) State government agencies; and~~
 - ~~(iii) Any other person;~~
- ~~(4) (i) Collect library statistics and other data;~~
- ~~(ii) Identify library needs and provide for needed research and studies of them;~~
- ~~(iii) Publish and distribute findings in these areas; and~~
- ~~(iv) Coordinate library services with other information and education services and agencies;~~
- ~~(5) Administer federal and State funds appropriated to it by the State for library purposes;~~
- ~~(6) (i) Develop and recommend professional standards and policies for libraries; and~~
- ~~(ii) Establish requirements and procedures for the certification of librarians and library personnel;~~
- ~~(7) Provide:~~
- ~~(i) Specialized library service to the blind and other physically handicapped individuals in this State; and~~
 - ~~(ii) Other desirable specialized library services;~~
- ~~(8) Encourage, advise, and assist in establishing, operating, and coordinating libraries at State institutions and agencies and administer the operation of library and information services for the Department;~~
- ~~(9) Administer the State grant program for county public library capital projects, in accordance with § 23-510 of this title;~~

~~(10) Adopt guidelines for the administration of public libraries and recommend to the State Board rules and regulations to implement this title;~~

~~(11) Cooperate with national library agencies and those of any other state; [and]~~

~~(12) (i) ESTABLISH THE MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY IN COORDINATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING; AND~~

~~(ii) COORDINATE THE MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY TO EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS ABOUT DEAF CULTURES IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:~~

~~1. REFERENCE MATERIAL; AND~~

~~2. LINKS TO OTHER RESOURCES; AND~~

~~[(12)] (13) Perform any other duty necessary for its proper operation.~~

(a) There is a Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Library.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following 11 members:

(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the State Superintendent of Education, or the State Superintendent's designee; and

(4) the following six members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the Division of Library Development and Services in the State Department of Education;

(ii) one representative of the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;

(iii) one representative of the Maryland Library Association; and

(iv) three representatives of the deaf community or of deaf organizations in the State.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study the establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library, including potential funding sources for the library through a public-private partnership or the establishment of a friends of the library organization; and

(2) make recommendations regarding the coordination of a Deaf Culture Digital Library to educate individuals about deaf cultures in the United States and other countries, including reference material and links to other resources.

(g) On or before December 1, 2012, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.