HOUSE BILL 685

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ENROLLED BILL

— Ways and Means/Budget and Taxation —

Introduced by Delegates C. Branch, Amprey, Attar, Ebersole, Foley, Henson, Jackson, D. Jones, R. Lewis, McIntosh, Palakovich Carr, and Smith

Read and E	xamined by Proofreaders:
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Sealed with the Great Seal and p	resented to the Governor, for his approval this
day of a	at o'clock,M.
	Speaker.
CI	HAPTER
AN ACT concerning	
Education – Regional Reso	ource Centers and Libraries – Funding
centers and each county public l	ation of certain funding for certain regional resource ibrary system for certain fiscal years; requiring each one type of service beginning on a certain date; and libraries in the State.
BY repealing and reenacting, without Article – Education Section 23–202(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and	
BY repealing and reenacting, with am	endments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 2 3 4	Annotated	-205(c) Code o	on and 23–503 f Maryland at Volume and 2021 Supplement)		
5 6 7 8 9	BY adding to Article – Education Section 23–410 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)				
10			T ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, and read as follows:		
2			Article - Education		
13	23–202.				
4 5 6	(b) Each regional resource center shall provide, through mutual cooperation and coordination, books, information, and other material and service resources that an individual library cannot provide adequately by itself.				
17	23–205.				
18 19 20	(c) (1) minimum amoun and capital expen	t of fun	year each participating regional resource center shall receive a ding for each resident of the area served, to be used for operating		
21	(2)	The	allocation shall be calculated as follows:		
22 23	resident of the ar		For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015\$6.75 per each ed;		
24 25	served;	(ii)	For fiscal year 2016 \$6.95 per each resident of the area		
26 27	served;	(iii)	For fiscal year 2017 \$7.15 per each resident of the area		
28 29	served;	(iv)	For fiscal year 2018 \$7.55 per each resident of the area		
30 31	served;	(v)	For fiscal year 2019 \$7.95 per each resident of the area		
32 33	served:	(vi)	For fiscal year 2020 \$8.35 per each resident of the area		

1 2	served; [and]	(vii)	For fiscal year 2021 \$8.55 per each resident of the area
3 4	\$8.75 per each resi	` '	For fiscal year 2022 [and each fiscal year thereafter]
5 6	OF THE AREA SER	(IX)	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023\$9.19 PER EACH RESIDENT
7 8	EACH RESIDENT	<u>(X)</u> OF TH	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 <u>2024</u> \$9.19 \$8.95 <i>\$9.39</i> PER E AREA SERVED;
9 10	RESIDENT OF THE	(X) E ARE/	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 <u>2025</u> \$9.65 <u>\$9.15</u> PER EACH \ SERVED;
11 12	RESIDENT OF THE	(XI) E ARE	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 <u>2026</u> \$10.13 <u>\$9.35</u> PER EACH \ SERVED;
13 14	RESIDENT OF THE	` /	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 <u>2027 \$10.64 <u>\$10.33</u>-PER EACH \ SERVED; AND</u>
15 16 17	THEREAFTER RESIDENT OF THE	` ,	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 <u>2028</u> AND EACH FISCAL YEAR\$11.17 <u>\$10.35</u> PER EACH A SERVED.
18 19	THE AREA SERVE	(XI) D;	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025\$9.59 PER EACH RESIDENT OF
20 21	OF THE AREA SER		FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 \$9.79 PER EACH RESIDENT AND
22 23	THEREAFTER		FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR 99 PER EACH RESIDENT OF THE AREA SERVED.
24	<u>23–410.</u>		
25 26 27	ONE OF THE FOI	LLOWI	UARY 1, 2024, EACH PUBLIC LIBRARY MUST OFFER AT LEAST NG SERVICES ALONE OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITS OF PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:
28	(1)	A PI	ROGRAM TO INCREASE SCORES ON THE KINDERGARTEN

ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED UNDER § 7–210 OF THIS ARTICLE;

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1 2 3	(2) A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO CLOSE LEARNING GAPS CREATED BY LACK OF ACCESS TO EDUCATION, INCLUDING LEARNING GAPS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC;
4 5	(3) AN INITIATIVE TO EXPAND DIGITAL EQUITY AND ACCESS TO FREE COMPUTING AND BROADBAND INTERNET;
6 7 8	(4) AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION AND SKILLS, HEALTH LITERACY, INSTRUCTION ON OPERATING A SMALL BUSINESS, AND INSTRUCTION ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;
9	(5) SERVING AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND DISTRIBUTION SITE DURING PUBLIC EMERGENCIES;
$\frac{1}{2}$	(6) A PROGRAM TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STEM EDUCATION, INCLUDING BY PROVIDING ACTIVITIES, CLASSES, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS; AND
13 14	(7) SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND REDUCING SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL ISOLATION.
5	23–503.
16 17	(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.
8	(2) The State shall provide:
19 20	(i) Approximately 40 percent of the total cost of the minimum program; and
21 22	(ii) Not less than 20 percent of the cost of the minimum program in any county.
23 24 25	(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.
26 27 28	(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:
29	(i) For each of fiscal years 2011 through $2015 - 14.00 ;
30	(ii) For fiscal year $2016 - 14.27 ;
R1	(iii) For fiscal year 2017 – \$14.54:

1		(iv)	For fiscal year 2018 – \$15.00;
2		(v)	For fiscal year $2019 - 15.50 ;
3		(vi)	For fiscal year 2020 – \$16.00;
4		(vii)	For fiscal year 2021 – \$16.43; [and]
5 6	thereafter] 2023	(viii) -\$17.10	For EACH OF fiscal [year] YEARS 2022 and [each fiscal year
7		(IX)	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - \$17.78 <u>\$17.30;</u>
8		(X)	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - \$18.50 <u>\$17.50</u> ;
9		(XI)	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - \$19.24 <u>\$17.70</u> ; AND
10 11	THEREAFTER - \$	` /	For fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year \$17.90 .
12		<u>(VIII)</u>	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - \$17.10;
13		<u>(IX)</u>	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - \$17.50;
14		<u>(X)</u>	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - \$17.90;
15		<u>(XI)</u>	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - \$18.30;
16		<u>(XII)</u>	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - \$18.70; AND
17		<u>(XIII)</u>	FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 - \$19.10.
18	(2)	(i)	The State shall share in this amount.
19 20	the cooperative pro	(ii) ogram,	Any county may provide an amount greater than its share under but the State may not share in the excess.
21 22	` ,		er Social Security contributions required by federal law for any lic library system shall remain the obligation of the employer.
23 24	SECTION 2 1, 2022.	. AND	BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July