

HOUSE BILL 1000

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CF SB 524

By: **Delegates Ebersole, Barron, Cardin, Chang, Crutchfield, D.M. Davis, Hettleman, Kaiser, Kelly, McComas, McIntosh, Mosby, Palakovich Carr, Shetty, Stein, and Terrasa**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Building Lifelong Library Learners Act**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public library from charging a ~~minor an overdue~~ fine for
4 overdue library materials ~~or fee for an overdue library book~~ on a minor's library
5 materials; prohibiting a public library from charging ~~a minor a replacement fine or~~
6 fee until a certain date; requiring a public library to cancel or return a certain
7 ~~replacement fine or~~ fee if a book is returned; prohibiting a public library from
8 collecting any outstanding ~~fine or fee~~ fees incurred by a minor for ~~an overdue book~~
9 ~~on or before certain dates~~; overdue library materials after a certain date; requiring
10 certain library boards to adopt certain regulations; altering the calculation of certain
11 funding for the State Library Research Center and each county public library system
12 for certain fiscal years; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the
13 annual operating or capital budget submission for county capital projects; defining ~~a~~
14 ~~certain term~~ certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
15 relating to public libraries in the State.

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Education
18 Section ~~23-110~~ 23-409
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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



Article – Education

Section ~~23-505(d)~~, 23-205(d), 23-503(b), and 23-509(e)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

~~23-110~~, 23-409.

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FINE OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK”~~

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
INDICATED.

(2) “FEE” MEANS AN AMOUNT CHARGED BY A PUBLIC LIBRARY TO AN
INDIVIDUAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LIBRARY MATERIALS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
RETURNED.

(3) “FINE FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY MATERIALS” INCLUDES ANY FINE
OR FEE CHARGED BY A PUBLIC LIBRARY TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR NOT RETURNING A
LIBRARY BOOK MATERIALS BY THE DUE DATE.

(4) “SPECIAL COLLECTIONS” INCLUDES ITEMS SUCH AS CAKE PANS,
TOOLS, AND FRAME ART.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

~~(B)~~ (C) (1) A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT CHARGE A MINOR AN OVERDUE
FINE FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY MATERIALS OR FEE FOR AN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK
ON A MINOR’S LIBRARY MATERIALS.

(2) (I) A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT CHARGE A MINOR A
REPLACEMENT FINE OR FEE FOR AN A MINOR’S OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK
MATERIALS UNTIL 3 MONTHS 21 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE LIBRARY
BOOK WAS MATERIALS WERE DUE.

(II) IF AN A MINOR’S OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK IS MATERIALS
ARE RETURNED AFTER A PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS CHARGED A MINOR A REPLACEMENT
FINE OR FEE, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SHALL CANCEL THE FINE OR FEE OR RETURN
THE FINE OR FEE AMOUNT TO THE MINOR FEE.

~~(C) (D)~~ A PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY NOT ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ANY
OUTSTANDING ~~FINE OR FEE FOR AN~~ FEES FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK MATERIALS
THAT ~~WAS ARE~~ INCURRED BY A MINOR ~~ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2020~~ AFTER JUNE
30, 2021.

(E) EACH BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

23-205.

(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.....\$1.73 per State resident;

(iv) For fiscal year 2019.....\$1.77 per State resident;

(v) For fiscal year 2020.....\$1.81 per State resident;

[and]

(vi) For fiscal year 2021 [and each fiscal year thereafter].....
\$1.85 per State resident;

(VII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.....\$1.89 PER STATE RESIDENT;

(VIII) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.....\$1.93 PER STATE RESIDENT;

AND

~~(IX) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.....\$1.97 PER STATE RESIDENT;~~

~~(X) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.....\$2.01 PER STATE RESIDENT; AND~~

~~(XI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
THEREAFTER.....\$2.05 PER STATE RESIDENT;~~

(IX) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
THEREAFTER.....\$1.97 PER STATE RESIDENT.

23-503.

(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 – \$15.00;

(v) For fiscal year 2019 – \$15.50;

(vi) For fiscal year 2020 – \$16.00;

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

(viii) For fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter – [\$16.70]

\$17.10.

(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.

23-509.

(e) (5) 1. For EACH OF fiscal [year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter,] YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2021, the Governor shall include in the annual operating or capital budget submission \$5,000,000 for county library capital projects.

2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING OR CAPITAL BUDGET SUBMISSION \$7,500,000 FOR COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.