

CHAPTER 122

(Senate Bill 79)

AN ACT to add a new Section 182A to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 16, Public Libraries", to follow immediately after Section 182 thereof, for the purpose of establishing a local-State cooperative program for supporting the current operating expenses of approved public library programs on a per capita basis starting as of July 1, 1962, at \$1.20 and increasing by 30 cents annually to a maximum of \$1.80; 1963 and after three years of operation of Section 182A repealing Section 182 of said article and sub-title, said repeal to be effective on July 1, 1965, 1966; AND TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS, SECTION 182 (C) OF SAID ARTICLE AND SUB-TITLE, AMENDING THE LAW WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS OF STATE AID FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF LIBRARIES UNDER SAID SUB-TITLE, AND RELATING TO THE AMOUNT AND USE OF SUCH STATE AID.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 182A be and it is hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 16, Public Libraries", to follow immediately after Section 182 thereof, and to read as follows:

182A. Local-State funds for current expenses of county public libraries.

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) *"County" includes Baltimore City.*

(2) *The population figures used in this section shall be those obtained from the Federal decennial census and in the intervening years from estimates prepared by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health.*

(3) *"Taxable wealth" used in computing State aid herein shall be the assessable property in each county as determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation with the real estate portion of such assessable property being equalized by dividing it by the ratio of assessed value to market value as determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and multiplying such result by 60 per cent.*

(4) *"Expenditures in which the State shares" shall be the current operating expenditures of approved Public Libraries participating in the cooperative program under the provisions of this section within the limits provided in sub-section (c).*

(5) *Local and State Share of Cost of Cooperative Program. The taxable wealth of each county and of the State as a whole shall be*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.