

land (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 16. Public Libraries," and to add new Section 186A to the same article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 186 thereof, AND TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS, SECTION 21(1) OF ARTICLE 73B (1968 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "PENSIONS," SUBTITLE "EMPLOYEES OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS", to provide for establishment of cooperative library ~~service centers~~ CORPORATIONS, and for the right of public libraries to contract and deal with the same AND TO MAKE THE EMPLOYEES THEREOF ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 186(1) (e) and 186(2)(d) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 16. Public Libraries," be and are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and new Section 186A be and it is hereby added to the same Article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after Section 186 thereof and all to read as follows:

186(1).

(e) To develop library services throughout the county, by such means as stations, branch libraries, [and] bookmobiles [;], and participation in or contracts ~~with a~~ FOR cooperative library serviceS ~~center~~.

186(2).

(d) To enter into contracts for any library service, with any other library [or], with any governmental unit [;], or with FOR any cooperative library serviceS ~~center~~.

**186A. Cooperative Library Service Centers.**

(a) *Any two or more counties, acting through their respective boards of library trustees may establish a cooperative library service center for the purpose of providing service operations for its member county libraries.*

(b) *A center shall be organized as a nonprofit, nonstock corporation pursuant to Article 23, Section 132, et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume, as amended), for the purposes stated by its Articles of Incorporation and with the powers vested in its trustees or directors as its Articles of Incorporation or its Bylaws state, not inconsistent with the applicable provision of this subtitle, with special regard for the powers and duties set forth in Section 186 for individual boards of library trustees, to the extent that these powers and duties are applicable.*

(c) *A cooperative library service center and its employees, where applicable, shall be subject to and entitled to the benefits of the following provisions of this subtitle: Teachers' Retirement System (Section 100); Library Fund (Section 101); Annual Audit (Section 102); Annual Report of the Board (Section 103); and Exemption from Taxation (Section 107).*