

*determined by the State Department of Education to be necessary for the operational budgets of the regional cooperative service program.*

(7) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET AN AMOUNT IT DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATING COSTS OF THE REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 124 OF THIS ARTICLE SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE PROVIDED FOR SUCH OPERATING COSTS OF THE REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPROPRIATION BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(8) ~~Expenditures~~ SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (9), EXPENDITURES for capital improvements of existing facilities, additions to existing facilities, or new facilities separate from existing facilities of participating libraries and/or equipment and furniture for capital improvements necessary for and to be used by regional resource centers shall be totally financed by the State. Prior to the receipt of any funds for any capital improvements necessary for and to be used by regional resource centers, the library designated as a regional resource center must have the plan and justification for expansion approved by the State Department of Education and agree that the facility may be used for regional resource center purposes for no less than twenty (20) years. THAT SHOULD THE USE OF SUCH STATE FINANCED FACILITY BE CHANGED FROM REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER PURPOSES THE LOCAL SUBDIVISION SHALL REIMBURSE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR SUCH FACILITY AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(9) The State Department of Education may include in its budget request such sum or sums as may in its judgment be required for capital expenditures for improvements of existing facilities, additions to existing facilities or new facilities including furniture and/or equipment to provide for the regional resource centers financed by the State in this Section. These capital funds may be appropriated in advance of expenditure and may be paid according to procedures established by the State Superintendent of Schools. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 124 OF THIS ARTICLE SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPROPRIATION BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(b) Metropolitan Cooperative Services Programs.

(1) Any COUNTY public library system located within the standard metropolitan statistical areas in Maryland as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census and any other COUNTY library systems NOT INCLUDED IN A REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER which choose to be included may participate in a metropolitan cooperative services program.

(2) Metropolitan cooperative services programs shall conform to standards and criteria established by rule of the State Board of Education for regional cooperative services programs.