

(3) *The metropolitan cooperative services programs shall make an annual report of their operations to the State Department of Education and the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries.*

(4) *The budget request of the State Department of Education for the fiscal year 1972 and each year thereafter shall MAY include an amount determined by the State Department of Education to be necessary for the operational budgets of the metropolitan cooperative services programs. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 124 OF THIS ARTICLE SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE PROVIDED FOR ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS OF METROPOLITAN COOPERATIVE SERVICES PROGRAMS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPROPRIATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

(c) *The State Department of Education shall receive and authorize the payment to regional resource centers and metropolitan cooperative services programs of funds subject to their order and these funds shall be added to the public library fund. The State Department of Education shall require that all funds be used subject to any conditions specified by the appropriating agency or imposed consistently with this section.*

The State Department of Education shall MAY authorize the Comptroller of the Treasury to withhold State funds from any regional resource center or metropolitan cooperative services program which fails to perform the services necessary to comply with the standards and criteria of the State Department of Education.

(d) *The State Department of Education shall make periodic studies and evaluations of the effectiveness of the services performed by regional resource centers and metropolitan cooperative services programs and shall request such other reports and information as may be necessary TO COMPLETE SUCH EVALUATIONS.*

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State Resource Center

(a) *In order to provide continued and expanding access by the citizens of Maryland to specialized library materials and services available only at the Central Library of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System, such materials and services being vital to educational endeavors and necessary for coordinated, economical and efficient library services in Maryland, the General Assembly hereby declares the Central Library of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System to be the State Library Resource Center.*

(b) *The State Department of Education shall include in its annual budget an amount based on fifty percent (50%) of the operating cost incurred at Pratt Central Library during the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year being budgeted to provide specialized research and reference materials and services for the whole State beyond the level supported in the current expense portion of the cooperative program provided under Section 176. Any appropriation for the specialized research and reference materials and services shall be paid quarterly to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore upon certification by the State Superintendent of Schools and shall be utilized only for the purposes described in this Section.*