

LAND PROVIDED THE VEHICLE DISPLAYS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER'S REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 501

(House Bill 296)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 169(a), 172(a), 173(a), 177(c), 180, 190(15), and 219(g) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitles "Public Libraries," "Teachers' Retirement System," and "Nonpublic Education Scholarship Program," correcting certain errors in the laws relating generally to public education.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 169(a), 172(a), 173(a), 177(c), 180, 190(15), and 219(g) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitles "Public Libraries," "Teachers' Retirement System," and "Nonpublic Education Scholarship Program," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

169.

(a) *Regional resource centers generally.*—(1) Any three or more public library systems outside the standard metropolitan statistical areas as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census, acting through their several boards of library trustees, may request the State Department of Education to establish and maintain a regional resource center for the purpose of providing through mutual cooperation and coordination books, information, and other material and service resources which an individual library could not adequately provide by itself. The criteria for a regional resource center include the following:

(i) A region should comprise three or more counties and have a population of at least 100,000 persons and preferably 200,000.

(ii) Whenever possible the strongest existing library in the area should be selected as the regional resource center.

(iii) The regional resource center should be so located as to be of greatest service to all points in the region.

(2) Any library designated as a regional resource center shall be chosen by the several boards of library trustees of participating library systems and the State Department of Education. The board of trustees of the designated library shall agree to perform the services provided for in subsection (a) (3) of this section.