

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved April 30, 1974.

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CHAPTER 580

(House Bill 1748)

AN ACT concerning

Public Libraries - Regional Centers

FOR the purpose of allowing certain public library systems the option of remaining in a regional system or participating in the metropolitan cooperative services program, and provisions generally relating to that option.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 77 - Public Education

Section 169(a) (1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 169(a) (1) of Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

169.

(a) (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. HOWEVER, IF A PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM WAS IN A REGION PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1971 AND HAS SINCE BEEN DECLARED TO BE IN A STANDARD METROPOLITAN