

## Public Education - Public Library Funding

FOR the purpose of increasing the per capita expenditure for public libraries from \$1.80 to \$3.00; changing the State percentage share of these expenditures from 30% to 40% and the county share from 70% to 60%; redefining wealth to include net taxable income; [[adding a provision that no county shall levy less for public library purposes than it levied for fiscal 1975;]] and relating generally to the financing of public libraries.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 77 - Public Education  
Section 176(a), (c), (d), (e) and (f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 176(a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 77 - Public Education

176.

(a) (1) "County" includes Baltimore City.

(2) The population figures used in this section shall be those obtained from the federal decennial census and in the intervening years from estimates prepared by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as of July 1, of the year preceding the fiscal year.

(3) ["Taxable wealth" used in computing State aid herein shall be the assessable property in each county as determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.] "WEALTH" MEANS THE SUM OF NET TAXABLE INCOME AND ADJUSTED ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY.

(4) "Expenditures in which the State shares" shall be the current operating expenditures of approved public libraries participating in the cooperative program under the provisions of this section within the limits provided in subsection (c).

(5) [The taxable wealth of each county and of the State as a whole shall be divided by the population in