

CHAPTER 288

(Senate Bill 348)

AN ACT concerning

Public Education - Public Library Funding

FOR the purpose of increasing the State share of the current expenses for public libraries; combining the public library incentive fund and the current expense program into one formula; defining terms; limiting the amount of money which may be applied to capital expenditures; specifying the management of all funds; providing for a phasing-out of certain State obligations under the public library incentive fund; providing that this Act is contingent upon certain other legislation; and generally relating to the State's share of the capital and operating expenses of public libraries.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 77 - Public Education
 Section 176 (a), (c), (e), (f), and (g)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 77 - Public Education
 Section 177
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 176 (a), (c), (e), (f), and (g) of Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 AND AVAILABLE as of July 1[,] of the FIRST COMPLETED CALENDAR year preceding the fiscal year.

(3) "Wealth" means the sum of net taxable