

authority of any said Acts, and the validity of the bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Carroll County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005.

Approved May 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 481

(Senate Bill 421)

AN ACT concerning

Libraries - Funding - Public Libraries and Regional Resource Centers

FOR the purpose of altering the per capita dollar amount that is required to be provided to each county public library system participating in the State's minimum library program in certain fiscal years; altering the minimum allocations per each resident of the area served that each participating regional resource center shall receive for operating and capital expenses in certain fiscal years; and generally relating to funding for public libraries and regional resource centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 23-205 and 23-503

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

23-205.

- (a) Each year, the Department may include in its budget operating funds for:
 - (1) The State Library Resource Center;
 - (2) Each regional resource center; and
 - (3) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.
- (b) (1) The State shall pay all capital expenses for:
 - (i) The State Library Resource Center; and