

(ii) Require that these funds be used subject to any conditions specified by the appropriating agency or imposed under this subtitle.

(2) The Department may authorize the State Comptroller to withhold funds from any regional resource center or metropolitan cooperative service program that fails to meet the standards adopted by the Department.

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(a) (1) The entire capital and operating cost of the minimum library program for this State as a whole shall be shared as provided in this subsection.

(2) The State shall provide:

(i) Approximately 40 percent of the total cost of the minimum program; and

(ii) Not less than 20 percent of the cost of the minimum program in any county.

(3) The counties participating in the program together shall provide through local taxes approximately 60 percent of the total statewide cost of the minimum program.

(b) (1) Each county public library system that participates in the minimum library program shall be provided for each resident of the county, to be used for operating and capital expenses:

(i) For ~~the~~ fiscal year ~~beginning July 1, 1998 - \$10.75~~ 2006 - \$12.00;

(ii) For ~~the~~ fiscal year ~~beginning July 1, 1999 - \$11.00~~ 2007 - \$13.00;

(iii) For ~~the~~ fiscal year ~~beginning July 1, 2000 - \$11.50; and~~ 2008 - \$14.00;

(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 - \$15.00; AND

~~[(iv)]~~ (V) For ~~the~~ fiscal year ~~beginning July 1, 2001~~ 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter - ~~[\$12.00]~~ \$16.00.

(2) (i) The State shall share in this amount.

(ii) Any county may provide an amount greater than its share under the cooperative program, but the State may not share in the excess.

(c) Any employer Social Security contributions required by federal law for any employee in a county public library system shall remain the obligation of the employer.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved May 26, 2005.