

AN ACT concerning

Education - Library Aid

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of certain expenses of county public library systems shared by the State and counties participating in the minimum library program; limiting the employer social security contributions paid by the State for certain positions in public libraries; altering the calculation of the local matching amount for current and capital expenses; and generally relating to the minimum library program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education  
Section 23-403 and 23-404(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

23-403.

(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 year, each county public library system that participates in the minimum library program shall be provided [~~\$5.67~~] \$6.50 for each resident of the county, to be used for operating and capital expenses. The State shall share in this amount.

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