

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.

(C) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE EMPLOYER SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS PAID BY THE STATE FOR ANY ELIGIBLE POSITION IN A COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM MAY NOT EXCEED 7.15 PERCENT OF THAT PART OF THE SALARY PAID WHICH IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE SOCIAL SECURITY WAGE BASE AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL LAW.

23-404.

(a) To be eligible for its State share of the minimum program, a county government shall levy an annual tax sufficient to provide an amount for library purposes equal to:

(1) The wealth of the county; times