

CHAPTER 695

(House Bill 817)

AN ACT concerning

Public Libraries - Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the per capita dollar amount that is required to be provided annually to each county public library system that participates in the minimum library program of the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education  
Section 23-403  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1988 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 [\$7.00] ~~\$7.50~~ \$7.25 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.