

(2) The Commission may make payments to effectuate the provisions of this section from funds specifically appropriated for this purpose as provided in the State budget or any supplemental budget request.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, if any student resides in a county where the per capita wealth is below the State average and the county does not support a community college or a branch campus of a community college, except for Baltimore City, the student may enroll at a community college or a branch campus in the State, either of which is located in a county adjacent to the one in which the student resides, and pay only the tuition and fees applicable to a county resident that supports the community college.

(2) For any student determined to be eligible under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Commission shall pay:

(i) In fiscal year 1992, 75% of any applicable out-of-county fee provided that the county in which the student resides pays 25 percent of that fee; and

(ii) In fiscal year 1993, and each fiscal year thereafter, 50% of any applicable out-of-county fee provided that the county in which the student resides pays 50 percent of that fee.

(3) The Commission may make payments to effectuate the provisions of this section from funds specifically appropriated for this purpose in the State budget or any supplemental budget request.

(f) The provisions of this section shall be subject to any reciprocal interstate agreement entered into by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11-105(l)(2) of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the changes made under this Act to § 16-403 of the Education Article do not apply until the fiscal year that begins July 1, 1997.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 9, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 8**

**(House Bill 43)**

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 participating in the State's minimum library program.