

Article - Education

23-205.

(a) Each year, the Department may include in its budget operating funds for:

- (1) The State Library Resource Center;
- (2) Each regional resource center; and
- (3) Each metropolitan cooperative service program.

(b) (1) The State shall pay all capital expenses for:

- (i) The State Library Resource Center; and
- (ii) Each regional resource center.

(2) Before any money is spent under this subsection, the appropriate board of library trustees shall:

(i) Have the project approved by the Department;

(ii) Through the Department, submit the request to the Department of Budget and Management for consideration under Subtitle 6, Title 3 of the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

(iii) Agree to reimburse the Department an amount the Department determines if the facility ceases to be used for a resource center or cooperative service program.

(c) Each year each participating regional resource center shall receive a minimum of \$1.70 for each resident of the area served, to be used for operating and capital expenses.

(D) (1) EACH YEAR THE STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER SHALL RECEIVE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR EACH PERSON SERVED STATE RESIDENT IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, TO BE USED FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENSES.

(2) THE ALLOCATION SHALL BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR ~~2000~~ 2001.....\$1.35 PER PERSON SERVED STATE RESIDENT;

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR ~~2001~~ 2002.....\$1.55 PER PERSON SERVED STATE RESIDENT;

(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR ~~2002~~ 2003.....\$1.70 PER PERSON SERVED STATE RESIDENT; AND

(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR ~~2003~~ 2004 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER..... \$1.85 PER PERSON SERVED STATE RESIDENT.

[(d)](E) (1) The Department shall: