

each county resident in fiscal 1999. The per capita grant increases to \$11 in fiscal 2000, \$11.50 in fiscal 2001, and \$12 beginning in fiscal 2002.

House Bill 94, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 168.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 168

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.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 23-503(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

23-503.

(b) (1) Each [year, each] county public library system that participates in the minimum library program shall be provided [\$9.25] for each resident of the county, to be used for operating and capital expenses:

(I) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1998 - \$10.75;

(II) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1999 - \$11.00; ~~AND~~

(III) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2000 ~~AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER~~ - \$11.50; ~~AND~~

(IV) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2001 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER - \$12.00.

(2) (I) The State shall share in this amount.

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