

Chapter 272

(House Bill 604)

AN ACT concerning

State Libraries – Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and State Library Board – Alterations

FOR the purpose of renaming the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to be the Maryland Library for the Blind and Print Disabled; altering the appointed membership of the Maryland State Library Board to include a certain blind individual; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the State Library Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 11–901(a) and 23–107(a) and (b)(1) and (2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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Article – Education

Section 11–901(d), 11–902(a), 23–101, 23–106(b)(7), 23–107(b)(3), and 23–205(a)(3), (e), and (f)(1)(i)

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

Article – Education

11–901.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) “Library” means the Maryland Library for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED**.

11–902.

(a) On or before December 1, 2007, in order to coordinate the distribution of instructional materials to blind and other print disabled students, the Maryland Library for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED** shall convene an

Instructional Materials Access Guidelines Committee.

23–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(B) “PRINT DISABLED INDIVIDUAL” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CANNOT EFFECTIVELY READ PRINT BECAUSE OF A VISUAL, PHYSICAL, PERCEPTUAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, COGNITIVE, OR LEARNING DISABILITY.

[(b)] (C) “State Library Agency” means the Maryland State Library Agency.

[(c)] (D) “State Library Board” means the Maryland State Library Board.

23–106.

(b) The State Library Agency shall:

(7) Provide:

(i) Specialized library service to the blind and other [physically handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED** individuals in this State; and

(ii) Other desirable specialized library services;

23–107.

(a) There is a Maryland State Library Board.

(b) (1) The State Library Board consists of 12 members, 7 of whom are appointed by the Governor. Each member is entitled to participate fully and equally in the activities of the Board.

(2) Each member shall:

(i) Be a resident of this State;

(ii) Be an individual of ability and integrity who is experienced in public or library affairs; and

(iii) Represent the interests of the citizens of this State in better library services.

(3) (i) Of the appointed members:

1. [Five] **FOUR** shall be selected from the public at large;
2. One shall be a professional librarian; [and]
3. One shall be a library trustee; **AND**
4. **ONE SHALL BE A BLIND PATRON OF THE MARYLAND LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED.**

(ii) The Governor shall ensure geographic diversity when appointing members.

23–205.

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

(3) The Maryland Library for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED**;

(e) Beginning in fiscal year 2016 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Maryland Library for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED** shall receive an amount equivalent to at least 25% of the amount received by the State Library Resource Center for the same fiscal year under subsection (d) of this section.

(f) (1) The State Library Board shall:

(i) Disburse funds to the State and regional resource centers, the Maryland Library for the Blind and [Physically Handicapped] **PRINT DISABLED**, and metropolitan cooperative service programs; and

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.