A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning Libraries – Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library

FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Library Development and Services in the State Department of Education to establish and coordinate the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library; requiring the Division to coordinate with the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in establishing the digital library; specifying a certain purpose and content of the digital library; and generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 23–105 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

23–105.

(a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title, and subject to the authority of the State Board, the Division of Library Development and Services has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

(b) The Division of Library Development and Services shall:

(1) Provide leadership and guidance for the planning and coordinated development of library and information service in this State;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(2) Develop statewide public and school library services and networks, resource centers, and other arrangements to meet the library and information needs of this State;

(3) Provide professional and technical advice on improving library services in this State to:

   (i) Public and school library officials;

   (ii) State government agencies; and

   (iii) Any other person;

(4) (i) Collect library statistics and other data;

   (ii) Identify library needs and provide for needed research and studies of them;

   (iii) Publish and distribute findings in these areas; and

   (iv) Coordinate library services with other information and education services and agencies;

(5) Administer federal and State funds appropriated to it by the State for library purposes;

(6) (i) Develop and recommend professional standards and policies for libraries; and

   (ii) Establish requirements and procedures for the certification of librarians and library personnel;

(7) Provide:

   (i) Specialized library service to the blind and other physically handicapped individuals in this State; and

   (ii) Other desirable specialized library services;

(8) Encourage, advise, and assist in establishing, operating, and coordinating libraries at State institutions and agencies and administer the operation of library and information services for the Department;

(9) Administer the State grant program for county public library capital projects, in accordance with § 23–510 of this title;
(10) Adopt guidelines for the administration of public libraries and recommend to the State Board rules and regulations to implement this title;

(11) Cooperate with national library agencies and those of any other state; [and]

(12) (i) ESTABLISH THE MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY IN COORDINATION WITH THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING; AND

(ii) COORDINATE THE MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY TO EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS ABOUT DEAF CULTURES IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:

1. REFERENCE MATERIAL; AND

2. LINKS TO OTHER RESOURCES; AND

[(12)] (13) Perform any other duty necessary for its proper operation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.