

SENATE BILL 140

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**ENROLLED BILL**  
*-- Budget and Taxation/Appropriations --*

Introduced by **Senator Della**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER 357

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - The Community Learning**  
3 **Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$400,000~~  
5 ~~\$300,000~~ \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors  
6 of the Islamic Society of Baltimore, Inc. for certain development or improvement  
7 purposes; prohibiting the use of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds and the  
8 matching fund for religious purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan  
9 proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a  
10 matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds  
11 evidencing the loan.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore  
16 County - The Community Learning Center Loan of 2001 in the total principal amount

1 equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$400,000~~ ~~\$300,000~~ \$250,000 or (ii) the amount of the  
2 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be  
3 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds  
4 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and  
5 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and  
6 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

7 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
8 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
9 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

10 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
11 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
12 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
13 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
14 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
15 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Islamic  
16 Society of Baltimore, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
17 planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a building, to be located at  
18 ~~6600~~ 6631 Johnnycake Road in Baltimore, Maryland, to be used for a community  
19 learning center.

20 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in  
21 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and  
22 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years  
23 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

24 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
25 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
26 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
27 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
28 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds  
29 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount  
30 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
31 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.  
32 The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
33 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is  
34 presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of  
35 the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.

36 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be  
37 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the  
38 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of  
39 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or  
40 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board  
41 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none  
42 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a  
43 purpose prohibited by this Act.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 June 1, 2001.