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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Enrolled - Revised**

Senate Bill 1009

(Senator Zucker)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

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**Prior Authorizations of State Debt - Alterations**

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This bill modifies authorizations of State debt in prior year capital budgets by extending deadlines for expending or encumbering funds, removing matching fund requirements, renaming grant recipients, and/or altering the purpose for which funds may be used. In some cases, altering the purpose of grant funds merely adds greater specification for how the funds may be used; in other cases, grant funds may be reassigned to an entirely different purpose. The bill also prohibits the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) from requiring a specified grantee to convey or grant a perpetual easement. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2022.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill modifies the conditions under which State grant funds may be used. These changes do not materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None, unless the grantee is a local government.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** Several prior authorizations of State debt are consolidated into an omnibus bill. The types of modifications to prior authorizations of State debt that have been consolidated into the bill are shown in **Appendix 1**, by current project name, jurisdiction for the current project, and the year of the initial authorization.

**Current Law:** In general, when a matching fund is required, a grantee must present evidence of the matching fund to the Board of Public Works within two years of the

authorization for State debt, and the matching fund must be certified prior to the grantee's expending or encumbering State funds. Chapter 576 of 2021 repealed matching fund certification requirements for legislative bond initiative and miscellaneous capital grants authorized in the 2019 and 2020 capital budget bills. Matching funds are generally not required for legislative bond initiative and miscellaneous capital grants authorized in the 2021 capital budget bill (Chapter 63).

Generally, and if applicable, specified grantees must convey a perpetual preservation easement to MHT as specified in the annual capital budget bill.

Chapter 153 of 2003 established a seven-year limitation on the authority to spend an appropriation for a capital expenditure and a seven-year limitation on the authorization for State debt unless otherwise provided in an enabling act. The Act applies to all debt authorized on or after June 1, 1997.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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**Appendix 1 – Modifications to Prior Authorizations Consolidated into the Bill**

| <b><u>Current Project Name</u></b>                     | <b><u>Current Jurisdiction</u></b> | <b><u>Year of Initial Authorization</u></b> | <b><u>Change(s)</u></b>   |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Southern Maryland Carousel Project (2012)              | Charles County                     | 2012  | Deadline <sup>1</sup>   |
| Baltimore County – War of 1812 Historic Sites          | Baltimore County                   | 2013  | Deadline <sup>1</sup>   |
| 1 Martin Street Renovation                             | Anne Arundel County                | 2014  | Deadline <sup>1</sup><br>Removal of match <sup>2</sup>                        |
| Baltimore Design School                                | Baltimore City                     | 2014  | Removal of match <sup>2</sup><br>Removal of easement requirement <sup>3</sup> |
| Silver Spring Learning Center Expansion                | Montgomery County                  | 2015  | Deadline <sup>1</sup><br>Removal of match <sup>2</sup>                        |
| Landover Hills Town Hall                               | Prince George’s County             | 2015  | Deadline <sup>1</sup><br>Removal of match <sup>2</sup>                        |
| Southern Maryland Carousel (2015)                      | Charles County                     | 2015  | Deadline <sup>1</sup>   |
| Maryland Food Bank                                     | Statewide                          | 2015  | Deadline <sup>1</sup>   |
| Community Action Council Food Bank Facility            | Howard County                      | 2016  | Purpose<br>Removal of match <sup>2</sup>                                      |
| Southern Maryland Carousel (2017)                      | Charles County                     | 2017  | Deadline <sup>1</sup>   |
| Madison Fields Therapeutic Equestrian Center           | Montgomery County                  | 2017  | Removal of match <sup>2</sup>   |
| Project Genesis: New Beginnings, Inc. Community Center | Baltimore County                   | 2017  | Purpose<br>Grantee<br>Removal of match <sup>2</sup>                           |
| Carroll County Veterans Independence Project           | Carroll County                     | 2018  | Removal of match <sup>2</sup>   |
| Hollins Market   | Baltimore City                     | 2018  | Grantee<br>Removal of match <sup>2</sup>                                      |

| <u>Current Project Name</u>         | <u>Current Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Year of Initial Authorization</u> | <u>Change(s)</u>                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| The Arnold House                    | Charles County              | 2019                                 | Purpose<br>Grantee<br>Removal of match <sup>2</sup> |
| Waldorf Multipurpose Civic Center   | Charles County              | 2020                                 | Purpose<br>Grantee<br>Removal of match <sup>2</sup> |
| Downtown Hyattsville Parking Garage | Prince George's County      | 2021                                 | Purpose<br>Grantee                                  |
| Riverdale Park Hiker Biker Trail    | Prince George's County      | 2021                                 | Purpose<br>Grantee                                  |
| Maenner House Annex                 | Prince George's County      | 2021                                 | Purpose   |
| VFW Post 160                        | Anne Arundel County         | 2021                                 | Purpose<br>Grantee                                  |
| Waldorf Urban Park & Amphitheater   | Charles County              | 2021                                 | Grantee   |
| Maenner House                       | Prince George's County      | 2021                                 | Purpose   |

<sup>1</sup> Extends the deadline to expend or encumber funds.

<sup>2</sup> Removes the requirement that the grantee raise matching funds; makes technical changes to certification requirements as appropriate.

<sup>3</sup> Prohibits the Maryland Historical Trust from requiring a grantee that receives funds from the grant to convey or grant a perpetual easement.

Note: Other, purely technical, changes to prior authorizations are not reflected above.

Source: Department of Legislative Services