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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Goucher College**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$3,000,000,
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to Goucher College for certain acquisition,
5 development, or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan
6 proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching
7 fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the
8 loan.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Goucher College
13 Loan of 1997 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$3,000,000 or (ii) the
14 amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan
15 shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
16 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in
17 accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article
18 and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

19 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a
20 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §
21 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

22 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and
23 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the
24 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on
25 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,
26 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees:
27 as a grant to Goucher College (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
28 planning, design, repair, renovation, restoration, reconstruction, and expansion of, and
29 for the provision of capital equipment for, Van Meter Hall, for the planning, design,
30 repair, and renovation of the utility infrastructure on the campus, and for the provision of
31 stormwater management facilities and related site improvements on the campus.

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

5 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
6 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching
7 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or
8 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of
9 the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of
10 funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the
11 amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the
12 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The
13 grantee has until June 1, 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public
14 Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the
15 Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer,
16 and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended
17 for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of
18 the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no
19 further effect.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 1997.