

HOUSE BILL 838

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

Introduced by **Delegates Howard, Benson, and Swain**

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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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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Technology Training**  
3 **Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt ~~in the amount of~~  
5 ~~\$750,000 \$500,000~~ not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to  
6 the Board of Directors of The Patriots, Inc. for certain development or  
7 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject  
8 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and  
9 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince  
14 George's County - Technology Training Center Loan of 1999 ~~in the total principal~~  
15 ~~amount of \$750,000 \$500,000~~ in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)  
16 \$300,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section

1 *I(5) below.* This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State  
2 general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and  
3 issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State  
4 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

8 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
9 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
10 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
11 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
12 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
13 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Patriots,  
14 Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the acquisition, design,  
15 planning, repair, renovation, construction, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a  
16 technology training center to be located in the Watkins Building at the intersection of  
17 Martin Luther King Highway and Eastern Avenue in Seat Pleasant.

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

22 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
23 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
24 matching fund of \$300,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,  
25 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
26 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property. The fund may  
27 consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this  
28 Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or  
29 assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the  
30 matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to  
31 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will  
32 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to  
33 ~~the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes~~  
34 ~~provided in this Act and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and~~  
35 ~~the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for~~  
36 ~~the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the~~  
37 ~~matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no~~  
38 ~~further effect.~~

39 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
40 June 1, 1999.

