

SENATE BILL 401

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By: **Senators Munson and Mooney**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Washington County - Washington County Hospital**
3 **Association**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$870,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Washington
6 County Hospital Association for certain development or improvement purposes;
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
8 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for
9 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 Washington
14 County - Washington County Hospital Association Loan of 1999 in a total principal
15 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$870,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund
16 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the
17 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
18 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
19 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
20 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
22 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
23 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Washington
30 County Hospital Association (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
31 acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, repair, and capital equipping of
32 a site to house a center to meet the primary health care needs of the underserved

1 community of downtown Hagerstown by providing space for adequate clinical
2 services, outreach staff and to allow for the addition of mental health, dental, and
3 telemedicine services.

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

8 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
9 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
10 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
11 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
12 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind
13 contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of
14 this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money
15 or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine
16 the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to
17 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will
18 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
19 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
20 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
21 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
22 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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