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ENROLLED BILL
-- Budget and Taxation/Appropriations --

Introduced by **Senators Bromwell and Collins (Baltimore County Administration)**

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

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - The Maryland School for the Blind**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt ~~in the amount of~~ not to
4 exceed \$300,000 \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to The Maryland
5 School for the Blind for certain acquisition, development, or improvement
6 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a
7 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring
8 the grantee to grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a certain kind
9 of easement; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
10 evidencing the loan.

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

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as The Maryland
15 School for the Blind Loan of 1999 in ~~the~~ a total principal amount of ~~\$300,000~~ equal to

1 the lesser of (i) ~~\$300,000~~ \$200,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
2 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
3 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
4 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
5 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

9 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
10 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
11 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
12 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
13 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
14 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to The Maryland School for the Blind
15 (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the provision and installation of
16 capital equipment, including ~~the upgrading of the fire alarm system for compliance~~
17 ~~with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act~~ air-conditioning and
18 heating equipment, the installation to include all necessary associated repairs and
19 renovations.

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

38 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey
39 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of
40 its interest:

41 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
42 and

1 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
2 structures.

3 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
4 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

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