

SENATE BILL 385

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Budget and Taxation/Appropriations --

Introduced by **Senators Hoffman, Blount, Bromwell, Colburn, Conway,
Currie, Della, Dorman, Hollinger, Hughes, Kasemeyer, Lawlah, Madden,
McFadden, Mitchell, Munson, Ruben, Sfikas, Stone, and Van Hollen**

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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 - ~~Baltimore City~~ - The Walters Art Museum**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$1,500,000~~
4 ~~\$250,000~~ \$385,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of
5 The Walters Art Gallery for certain development or improvement purposes;
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
7 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for
8 the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the 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 ~~Baltimore~~
13 ~~City~~ - The Walters Art Museum Loan of 2001 in a total principal amount equal to the
14 lesser of (i) ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$250,000 \$385,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund

1 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the
2 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
3 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
4 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
5 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 Board of Trustees of The Walters Art
15 Gallery (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning, design,
16 construction, and capital equipping of a building, at the corner of Cathedral and
17 Centre Streets in Baltimore, Maryland, for a new major exhibition space, a premier
18 art conservation laboratory, art handling, and storage.

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

23 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
24 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
25 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
26 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
27 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind
28 contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of
29 this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money
30 or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine
31 the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to
32 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will
33 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
34 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
35 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
36 in 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 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
39 June 1, 2001.

