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By: **Senator Dyson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - St. Mary's County - Patuxent River Naval Air**
3 **Museum and Visitors Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of St.
6 Mary's County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for
7 disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee
8 provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance
9 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 St. Mary's
14 County - Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and Visitors Center Loan of 2001 in a
15 total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$1,000,000 or (ii) the amount of the
16 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be
17 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
18 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
19 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
20 Procurement Article and 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 County Commissioners of St.
30 Mary's County (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning,
31 design, construction, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the
32 buildings and permanent exhibits of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and

1 Visitors Center, a multiphase, multiyear project, to be located adjacent to the
2 Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Lexington Park, Maryland, featuring interactive
3 exhibits and hands-on learning experiences for young people, opening a window into
4 the high-technology frontiers explored at Patuxent River, and stimulating interest in
5 technology careers and education.

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

10 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
11 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
12 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
13 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
14 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
15 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
16 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
17 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
18 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present evidence
19 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
20 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
21 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
22 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
23 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
24 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 June 1, 2001.