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By: **Howard County Delegation**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Public Safety Training Academy**
3 **Ho. Co. 5-02**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000,
5   the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council
6   of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing
7   for 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 Howard
14 County - Public Safety Training Academy Loan of 2002 in a total principal amount
15 equal to the lesser of (i) $500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
16 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
17 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
18 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
19 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

23   (3)   The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
24 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
25 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
26 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
27 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
28 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the County Executive and County Council
29 of Howard County (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning
30 and design of a facility to serve the needs of the Howard County Police Department
31 and the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue.

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

5   (5)   Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
6 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
7 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
8 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
9 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
10 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
11 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
12 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
13 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2004, to present evidence
14 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
15 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
16 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
17 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
18 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
19 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

20   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 2002.