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By: Chair, Anne Arundel County Delegation Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2005

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

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I	AN	ACT	concerning

2 Anne Arundel County - Wiley H. Bates High School Loan of 1997

- 3 FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 221 of the Acts of 1997, as amended by
- 4 Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2004 to alter the date by which the loan proceeds be
- 5 encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended for certain purposes from
- 6 June 1, 2005, to June 1, 2006; and generally relating to the Anne Arundel
- 7 County Wiley H. Bates High School Loan of 1997.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Chapter 221 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by
- 10 Chapter 32 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004
- 11 Section 1
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 Chapter 221 of the Acts of 1997, as amended by Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2004

- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 16 MARYLAND, That:
- 17 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
- 18 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Anne Arundel
- 19 County Wiley H. Bates High School Loan of 1997 in a total principal amount equal
- 20 to the lesser of (i) \$1,000,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
- 21 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
- 22 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
- 23 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
- 24 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.
- 25 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
- 26 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
- 27 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- 28 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
- 29 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and

- 1 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
- 2 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
- 3 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
- 4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the County Executive and County Council
- 5 of Anne Arundel County (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
- 6 repair, renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and capital equipping, including
- 7 asbestos removal and other improvements to the infrastructure, of the historic Wiley
- 8 H. Bates High School, located in Annapolis, for use as a senior center, adult day care
- 9 center, gymnasium, community center, and site for specific newly formed small
- 10 businesses from within the community.
- 11 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in
- 12 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and
- 13 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years
- 14 after the date of issuance of the bonds.
- 15 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
- 16 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
- 17 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
- 18 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
- 19 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
- 20 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
- 21 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
- 22 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
- 23 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 1999, to present evidence
- 24 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
- 25 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
- 26 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
- 27 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
- 28 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
- 29 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.
- 30 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey
- 31 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of
- 32 its interest:
- 33 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
- 34 and
- 35 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
- 36 structures.
- 37 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
- 38 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.
- 39 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works
- 40 or expended for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, [2005] 2006.
- 41 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 42 June 1, 2005.