
By: **Senators Forehand and Miller**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - The Maryland Study Center at Kiplin Hall**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000,
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Maryland
5 Foundation for Kiplin Hall, Inc. for certain 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; establishing
8 a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and
9 providing generally for the issuance 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 Maryland
14 Study Center at Kiplin Hall Loan of 2005 in a total principal amount equal to the
15 lesser of (i) \$250,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance
16 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and
17 delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of
18 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 Board of Trustees of the Maryland
29 Foundation for Kiplin Hall, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for
30 the planning, design, construction, repair, restoration, renovation, reconstruction,
31 and capital equipping of the Home Farm at the Kiplin Hall estate, the ancestral home
32 of the Lords Baltimore located in North Yorkshire, England, and currently the

1 headquarters for Maryland study programs in historic preservation, landscape
2 studies, history, and literature.

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

7 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
8 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
9 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
10 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
11 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
12 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
13 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
14 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
15 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2007, to present evidence
16 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
17 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
18 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
19 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
20 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
21 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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

25 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
26 and

27 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
28 structures.

29 (b) If the grantee or beneficiary of the grant holds a lease on the land
30 and structures, the Trust may accept an easement on the leasehold interest.

31 (c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
32 and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be acceptable
33 to the Trust.

34 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of
35 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2012. If any
36 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1,
37 2012, the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be
38 canceled and be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the
39 amount of unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as
40 provided in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2005.