

SENATE BILL 855

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By: Senator Gladden

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Howard “Pete” Rawlings Hearing**
3 **and Speech Facility**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Hearing and
6 Speech Agency of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. for certain development or
7 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject
8 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;
9 establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan
10 proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing
11 the loan.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore
16 City – Howard “Pete” Rawlings Hearing and Speech Facility Loan of 2007 in a total
17 principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$200,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching
18 fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by
19 the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
20 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
21 with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
22 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



17 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
18 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
19 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
20 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
21 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind
22 contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of
23 this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money
24 or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine
25 the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2009, to
26 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will
27 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
28 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
29 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
30 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
31 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

32 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
33 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2014. If any
34 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2014,
35 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
36 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
37 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in §
38 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, 2007.