

Chapter 357

(House Bill 748)

AN ACT concerning

Academic Facilities Bonding Authority

FOR the purpose of increasing the bonding authority for the University System of Maryland; approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland for financing the projects; providing that certain bonds are not a debt or an obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions; and generally relating to the authority to issue academic facilities bonds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 19–102(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

19–102.

(c) (1) The aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding and the present value of capital lease payments, less the amount of any reserve fund or sinking fund requirement established for the bonds or capital leases, may not exceed, as of the date of issue of the bonds, the following:

- (i) ~~[\$1,200,000,000]~~ **\$1,400,000,000** for the University System of Maryland;
- (ii) \$88,000,000 for Morgan State University;
- (iii) \$60,000,000 for St. Mary's College of Maryland; and
- (iv) \$65,000,000 for Baltimore City Community College.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) In accordance with Section 19–102(d) of the Education Article, the following project is approved as a project for an academic facility, and the University System of Maryland may issue, sell, and deliver bonds in the total principal amount of \$10,000,000 for the purposes of financing and refinancing the costs of this project:

(A) University of Maryland Baltimore County (Baltimore County)

(i) New Performing Arts and Humanities Facility

(2) In accordance with Section 19–102(d) of the Education Article, such system–wide capital facilities renewal projects for the constituent institutions and centers of the University System of Maryland as are authorized by the Board are hereby approved as projects for academic facilities, and the University System of Maryland may issue, sell, and deliver bonds in the total principal amount of \$17,000,000 for the purposes of financing and refinancing the costs of those facilities renewal projects.

(3) The bonds issued under the authority of this Act do not create or constitute any indebtedness or obligation of the State or of any political subdivision thereof except the University System of Maryland, and the bonds shall so state on their face. The bonds do not constitute a debt or obligation contracted by the General Assembly of Maryland or pledge the faith and credit of the State within the meaning of Article III, Section 34 of the Maryland Constitution.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.