

Chapter 111

(House Bill 214)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Harford Community College – Authority to Incur Debt

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Harford Community College Board of Trustees to borrow money for certain purposes and secure certain debt in a certain manner; and generally relating to the authority of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees to incur debt.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 16–302

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

16–302.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, and subject to funds being appropriated, the Board of Community College Trustees for Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Cecil County, the College of Southern Maryland, Chesapeake College, Frederick County, Garrett County, Hagerstown Community College, **HARFORD COUNTY**, Howard County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, or Wor–Wic Community College may borrow money to acquire an interest in personal property, including fixtures, for the operation of the community college, on terms and conditions that the Board of Trustees considers proper.

(b) A borrowing under this section may be secured by the personal property acquired or revenues derived from the property.

(c) All multiyear financing agreements reflecting borrowing under this section shall be subject to cancellation by the Board of Trustees at the end of a fiscal year if sufficient funds are not appropriated to fund the agreement in subsequent years.

(d) (1) Borrowing under this section does not create or constitute a debt or obligation of the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a community college.

(2) Borrowing under this section does not constitute a debt or obligation of the General Assembly or pledge the faith and credit of the State within the meaning of Article III, § 34 of the Maryland Constitution.

(e) (1) This subsection does not apply to the Board of Community College Trustees for Garrett County.

(2) (i) Borrowing under this section shall be for the use of financing intermediate term lease purchasing agreements.

(ii) The term of any lease purchase agreement entered into under this section may not exceed the estimated life of the equipment subject to the financing agreement.

(f) (1) The Board of Community College Trustees for Garrett County may enter into a lease purchase agreement if the lease purchase agreement is consistent with the provisions of this section.

(2) The term of any lease purchase agreement entered into by the Board of Community College Trustees for Garrett County may not exceed the estimated life of the equipment subject to the financing agreement.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.