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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 1007

(Senator Zucker)

Budget and Taxation

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**Prior Authorizations of State Debt - Alterations**

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This bill modifies authorizations of State debt in prior year capital budgets, generally by extending deadlines for expending or encumbering funds, removing matching fund requirements, renaming grant recipients, and/or altering the purpose for which funds may be used. In some cases, altering the purpose of grant funds merely makes minor or technical changes for how the funds may be used; in other cases, grant funds may be reassigned/redistributed to an entirely different purpose within the same jurisdiction. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2026.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill modifies the conditions under which State grant funds may be used. These changes do not materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None, unless the grantee is a local government.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** Several prior authorizations of State debt are consolidated into an omnibus bill. The types of modifications to prior authorizations of State debt that have been consolidated into the bill are generally shown in **Appendix 1**, by current project name, jurisdiction for the current project, and the year of the initial authorization.

**Current Law:** In general, when a matching fund is required, a grantee must present evidence of the matching fund to the Board of Public Works within two years of the

authorization for State debt, and the matching fund must be certified prior to the grantee's expending or encumbering State funds.

Chapter 153 of 2003 established a seven-year limitation on the authority to spend an appropriation for a capital expenditure and a seven-year limitation on the authorization for State debt unless otherwise provided in an enabling act. The Act applies to all debt authorized on or after June 1, 1997.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Budget and Management; Department of General Services; Board of Public Works; Department of Legislative Services

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## **Appendix 1 – Modifications to Prior Authorizations Consolidated into the Bill**

<b><u>Current Project Name</u></b>	<b><u>Current Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>Year of Initial Authorization</u></b>	<b><u>Change(s)</u></b>
National Road Museum	Washington County	2018	Deadline <sup>1</sup> , Removal of Match <sup>2</sup>
Imagination Stage - New Storage Facility	Montgomery County	2019	Purpose, Deadline <sup>1</sup>
Town of Brookeville Market Street Improvements	Montgomery County	2019	Purpose, Deadline <sup>1</sup>
Imagination Stage - New Storage Facility	Montgomery County	2020	Purpose, Deadline <sup>1</sup>
Civil Air Patrol Squadron Building	Allegany County	2020	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline <sup>1</sup>
Mount Airy Center Street	Carroll County	2020	Purpose, Deadline <sup>1</sup>
Town of Brookeville Infrastructure Improvements	Montgomery County	2020	Purpose
Doctor First Mobile Communications System	Statewide	2021	Grantee, Purpose
Civil Air Patrol Squadron Building	Allegany County	2021	Grantee, Purpose
East Baltimore Transfer Station	Baltimore City	2022	Purpose
Ambassador Theater	Baltimore City	2022	Grantee, Purpose
Roberta's House	Baltimore City	2022	Purpose
Long Branch-Arliss Neighborhood Park	Montgomery County	2022	Purpose
Civil Air Patrol Squadron Building	Allegany County	2022	Grantee, Purpose
Newport Mill Local Park	Montgomery County	2022	Purpose
Doctor First Mobile Communications System	Statewide	2023	Grantee, Purpose
Shakespeare Beyond the Walls -Assets for Touring Company	Baltimore City	2023	Grantee, Purpose
Solar Panels for Ridge Volunteer Fire Department	St. Mary's County	2023	Purpose
North Bethesda Metro Station Access Improvements	Montgomery County	2024	Grantee, Purpose
Town of Brookeville Infrastructure Improvements	Montgomery County	2024	Purpose
Friends Aware	Allegany County	2024	Purpose
New Hampshire Estates Neighborhood Parks	Montgomery County	2025	Purpose

<sup>1</sup> Extends the deadline to expend or encumber funds.

<sup>2</sup> Removes the requirement that the grantee raise matching funds.

Source: The Department of Legislative Services