

HOUSE BILL 1411

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By: **Delegate Harrison**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Maryland State Boychoir Facility**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,500,000,
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Maryland
5 State Boychoir, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes;
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
7 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant
8 and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; prohibiting the
9 use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes;
10 establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan
11 proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing
12 the loan.

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

15 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
16 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore
17 City – Maryland State Boychoir Facility Loan of 2007 in a total principal amount
18 equal to the lesser of (i) \$1,500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
19 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
20 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
21 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through
22 8–124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold
2 as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds
3 under § 8–122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

4 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
5 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
6 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
7 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
8 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
9 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Maryland
10 State Boychoir, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
11 acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping
12 of The Maryland State Boychoir musical education and modern arts facility, located in
13 Baltimore City.

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

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

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

36 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the
37 Trust; and

1 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the
2 historic structures.

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

5 (c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the
6 Trust and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be
7 acceptable to the Trust.

8 (7) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may
9 be used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
10 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
11 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
12 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board
13 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none
14 of the proceeds of the loan of any matching funds have been or are being used for a
15 purpose prohibited by this Act.

16 (8) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
17 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2014. If any
18 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2014,
19 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
20 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
21 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in §
22 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 June 1, 2007.