

SENATE BILL 897

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By: **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2010

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Academic Facilities Bonding Authority**

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 19–102(c)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 19–102.

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

23 (i) **[\$1,050,000,000] \$1,200,000,000** for the University System
24 of Maryland;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) \$88,000,000 for Morgan State University;
- 2 (iii) \$60,000,000 for St. Mary's College of Maryland; and
- 3 (iv) \$65,000,000 for Baltimore City Community College.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

5 (1) In accordance with Section 19–102(d) of the Education Article, the
6 following project is approved as a project for an academic facility, and the University
7 System of Maryland may issue, sell, and deliver bonds in the total principal amount of
8 \$10,000,000 for the purposes of financing and refinancing the costs of this project:

9 (A) Towson University (Baltimore County)

10 (i) College of Liberal Arts Complex

11 (2) In accordance with Section 19–102(d) of the Education Article, such
12 system–wide capital facilities renewal projects for the constituent institutions and
13 centers of the University System of Maryland as are authorized by the Board are
14 hereby approved as projects for academic facilities, and the University System of
15 Maryland may issue, sell, and deliver bonds in the total principal amount of
16 \$17,000,000 for the purposes of financing and refinancing the costs of those facilities
17 renewal projects.

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

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2010.