

defray the cost of independent planning by the Board of Health. If federal grants are available for these purposes, both the Board of Health and the local governments are authorized to enter into joint financing agreements. The counties and municipalities of the State are hereby authorized to appropriate general funds to participate in the program authorized by this section.

(b) Any county or municipality may petition the State Department of Health for a State grant to assist the construction of the basic main facilities of a sewerage system for the collection of sewage and industrial wastes from lateral or collector sewers. The petition must show and the Department must find (1) that the construction of the proposed facilities are necessary for the protection of public health and (2) that the county, municipality, or a duly authorized agency, is not able to finance the construction of said facilities by the reasonable use of normal financing methods such as the ad valorem tax, front foot benefit assessments, service charges, connection charges, and available State and Federal assistance. In the event the Department finds the foregoing facts exist, then it may approve a state grant from the Sanitary Facilities Construction Fund in an amount no greater than the local funds appropriated for said construction. The counties and municipalities of the State are hereby authorized to appropriate general funds to participate in the program authorized by this section. In the event a special governmental agency is charged with providing sanitary facilities within a county or municipality, such local general funds may be made available to such agency for the purposes authorized by this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.*

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 412

(Senate Bill 443)

AN ACT to add new Sections 284A, 284B, 284C and 284D to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Public Education", to follow immediately after Section 284 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Chapter 27A. State Scholarship Board", to create and to prescribe the composition and functions of a State Scholarship Board, to authorize this Board to administer a Federal Scholarship Program when and if available and to implement the same by rules and regulations; to provide an additional state scholarship program and to prescribe the manner in which this program shall be administered by the Board; and relating generally to the State Scholarship Board and to the terms, conditions and award of scholarships in this State.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.