

mortgage or the full faith and credit of a participating institution for higher education or participating hospital or any other lawfully pledged security of a participating institution for higher education or participating hospital. THE TERMS SHALL ALSO INCLUDE NOTES OF THE AUTHORITY ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 10 AND 11 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(f) "Institution for higher education" shall mean an educational institution situated within the State which by virtue of law or charter is a public or other nonprofit education institution empowered to provide a program of education beyond the high school level and awards a bachelor's or advanced degree or provides a program of not less than two (2) years duration which is accepted for full credit toward a bachelor's degree, and which (i) is a public educational institution meeting the standards, rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education and thereby empowered to issue a certificate, diploma or degree pursuant to Article 77, § [24] 11 of the Maryland Code, or (ii) is a nonprofit educational institution having a certificate of approval issued by the State Superintendent of Schools or operating under a charter granted by the legislature of Maryland pursuant to Article 77, § [25] 12 of the Maryland Code. This term shall not mean any institution owned and operated by the State.

(h) "Hospital" means a hospital, A RELATED INSTITUTION OR A COMBINATION OF A HOSPITAL AND A RELATED INSTITUTION, located within this State AND EITHER meeting the requirements of and having a license OR LICENSES as required by Article 43, §§556-568, of this Code, OR, IN THE CASE OF A NEW INSTITUTION, HAVING A PRELICENSING CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION FROM THE MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY, and being OR TO BE, in fact, a health care facility available to the general public [[, providing medical, surgical, chronic long-term treatment, or treatment of mental illness, and]] maintained and operated as a nonprofit institution by some person, association, municipal or other corporation, or other agency, or a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of constructing or acquiring such a hospital, RELATED INSTITUTION OR COMBINATION OF A HOSPITAL AND A RELATED INSTITUTION. [[Hospital]] HOSPITAL SHALL ALSO MEAN NONPROFIT COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDING OUT-PATIENT PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, BUT shall not mean any facility such as described herein which is owned and operated by the State.

(i) "Participating hospital" means a hospital which, pursuant to the provisions of this article, shall undertake the [[financing and construction or acquisition