

## CHAPTER 796

(House Bill 923)

## AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - State Public School  
Construction and Capital Improvement Loan of 1978

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~\$60,000,000~~ \$57,000,000, the proceeds to be used to finance the construction of public school buildings and public school capital improvements in this State; and providing generally for the issue and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the State Public School Construction and Capital Improvement Loan of 1978 in the aggregate principal amount of ~~\$60,000,000~~ \$57,000,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance and sale of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold and delivered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 19 to 23 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement, as amended from time to time).

(2) The bonds issued to evidence this loan or installments thereof may be sold as a single issue, or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 2B of Article 31 of the Code.

(3) The actual cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be first applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing and delivering the bonds unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided and thereafter shall be credited on the books of the State Comptroller and expended, upon approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: financing the construction of public school buildings and public school capital improvements in this State in accordance with the provisions of Section 130A of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement), as from time to time amended or replaced or revised in an education article.

(4) There is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on all assessable property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and when due and until paid in full, such principal to be discharged within fifteen years of the date of issue of the bonds.