

(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, private sources, foundations and local government shall provide at least an equal and matching fund of \$300,000 [and Talbot County shall provide an additional equal and matching fund of \$300,000]. No part of an applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter, and the Board's decision is final. Private sources, foundations and local government have until June 1, 1990, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that the matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. If this evidence is not presented by June 1, 1990, the proceeds of the loan shall be applied to the purposes authorized in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(6) The Academy of Arts, Inc. shall grant and convey a perpetual preservation easement on the exterior and interior of the structures, where appropriate, and on land to the Maryland Historical Trust in form and substance acceptable to the Trust.

SECTION 2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1989.

Approved May 19, 1989.

CHAPTER 397

(House Bill 239)

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - State Employees' Benefits Plan

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Personnel to administer a benefits plan for State employees; requiring the Department of Personnel to arrange for employee benefits as part of the benefits plan; changing the procedures for funding certain employee benefits; requiring the Governor to include funds in the budget for certain employee benefits; and generally relating to the funding and administration of the State employees' benefits plan.