

minimum caseload to attract potential pilot program contractor bids under this Act, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, in consultation with the State Court Administrator, may add one additional county to the pilot program. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the State Court Administrator shall consult with the Administrative Judge and the Chief Clerk of the proposed county or of Baltimore City prior to adding the county or Baltimore City to the pilot program.

SECTION 3.5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 360

(Senate Bill 464)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Goucher College

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$3,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to Goucher College for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance 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 Goucher College Loan of 1997 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$3,000,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

(2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,