matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. The fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. The fund may, with appropriate documentation, consist of real property. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or 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. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 612

(House Bill 509)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County - Employees' Pension System - Contributory Pension Benefit

FOR the purpose of allowing the employees of Frederick County who are members of the Employees' Pension System to become subject to a certain contributory pension benefit that alters the benefits those members receive and requires a certain member contribution; authorizing the purchase of service credit under certain circumstances; altering a certain cost-of-living adjustment of certain allowances; requiring Frederick County to pay for certain additional pension liabilities according to a certain amortization schedule approved by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; requiring the State Retirement Agency to verify certain information; and generally relating to participation in the contributory pension benefit part of the Employees' Pension System by certain employees of Frederick County.

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions Section 21–307(k) and 23–307.2 Annotated Code of Maryland (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)