

SENATE BILL 1007

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By: **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2022

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University System of Maryland – Academic Facilities Bonding Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the bonding authority for the University System of
4 Maryland; approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and
5 improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland;
6 authorizing the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland in a certain
7 total principal amount for financing the projects; providing that the bonds are not a
8 debt or an obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions; and generally relating to
9 academic facilities bonding authority of the University System of Maryland and
10 certain projects.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 19–102(c)(1) and (d)(4)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

19 19–102.

20 (c) (1) The aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding and the present
21 value of capital lease payments, less the amount of any reserve fund or sinking fund
22 requirement established for the bonds or capital leases, may not exceed, as of the date of
23 issue of the bonds, the following:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) [\$1,400,000,000] **\$1,700,000,000** for the University System of
 2 Maryland;
- 3 (ii) \$88,000,000 for the Morgan State University;
- 4 (iii) \$60,000,000 for St. Mary's College of Maryland; and
- 5 (iv) \$65,000,000 for Baltimore City Community College.

6 (d) (4) (i) Any bonds issued under the requirements of this subsection shall
 7 mature at such times not exceeding the useful life of the project for which the bonds are
 8 issued, but not later than [21] **33** years after their respective dates of issue, as may be
 9 determined by a system.

10 (ii) Any bonds issued in accordance with paragraph (3) of this
 11 subsection shall mature at such times as may be determined by a system, but not later than
 12 [21] **33** years after the date of issue of the bonds that were originally issued for the
 13 academic facility or facilities authorized under the requirements of this subsection.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

15 (a) In accordance with § 19–102(d) of the Education Article, each of the following
 16 projects is approved as a project for an academic facility, and the University System of
 17 Maryland may issue, sell, and deliver bonds in the total principal amount of \$4,692,000 for
 18 the purposes of financing and refinancing the costs of the following projects:

19 University of Maryland, College Park (Prince George's County):
 20 Campuswide Building Systems and Infrastructure Improvements

21 University of Maryland, Eastern Shore (Somerset County):
 22 Flood Mitigation Project

23 (b) In accordance with § 19–102(d) of the Education Article, those systemwide
 24 capital facilities renewal projects for existing academic facilities of the constituent
 25 institutions and centers of the University System of Maryland as are authorized by the
 26 Board of Regents are hereby approved as facility renewal projects for academic facilities,
 27 and the University System of Maryland may issue, sell, and deliver bonds in the total
 28 principal amount of \$25,308,000 for the purposes of financing and refinancing the costs of
 29 those academic facilities renewal projects.

30 (c) The bonds issued under the authority of this Act do not create or constitute
 31 any indebtedness or obligation of the State or of any political subdivision thereof except for
 32 the University System of Maryland, and the bonds shall so state on their face. The bonds
 33 do not constitute a debt or obligation contracted by the General Assembly of Maryland or
 34 pledge the faith and credit of the State within the meaning of Article III, § 34 of the
 35 Maryland Constitution.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
2 1, 2022.