

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-051-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Borrowing to Finance Capital Projects for

3 Prince George's Community College Facilities

4 For the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County, Maryland, to borrow money upon its full
5 faith and credit at any time and from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not
6 exceeding \$67,306,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
7 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of
8 Community College Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the
9 architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of
10 necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, prescribing terms and conditions upon which
11 bonds issued pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold and other incidental details with
12 respect thereto; providing generally for the issuance of such bonds and providing for such
13 borrowing to be submitted to a referendum of the legal voters of the County.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
15 Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County"), is hereby authorized, pursuant
16 to Section 323 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Charter"), to borrow
17 money and incur indebtedness upon its full faith and credit, at any time and from time to time, in
18 an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$67,306,000 to finance the design, construction,
19 reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
20 relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of Community College Facilities, including the acquisition

1 and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and
 2 the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, all such capital
 3 projects hereby being found to be (and also being in fact) of the same generic class and being
 4 described in the capital program of the County for the fiscal years 2027-2032, under the
 5 following headings, which descriptions are incorporated by reference as if set forth herein:

| <u>Project Number</u> | <u>Project Name</u> |
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| 3.73.0001 | SOUTHERN REGION CAMPUS |
| 3.73.0006 | LANHAM HALL/DUKES STUDENT CENTER PARKING GARAGE |
| 4.73.0005 | COLLEGE IMPROVEMENTS |
| 4.73.0008 | RENOVATE MARLBORO HALL |
| 4.73.0009 | DR. CHARLENE MICKENS DUKES STUDENT CENTER |
| 4.73.0011 | BLADEN HALL RENOVATION |
| 4.73.0012 | CHESAPEAKE HALL RENOVATION AND ADDITION |

17 Reference to the County's capital program for the fiscal years 2027-2032 is made for
 18 purposes of description only and such reference shall include the same capital projects in any
 19 amended or subsequent capital program.

20 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that any general obligation bonds to be issued
 21 pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold pursuant to Bond Issue Authorization Ordinances
 22 adopted in accordance with Sections 323 and 823 of the Charter and other applicable provisions
 23 of MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended, replaced, or re-
 24 codified from time to time, but the County shall sell such bonds only by solicitation of
 25 competitive bids therefor at public sale in such manner and after giving such public notice as the
 26 County Council may by ordinance determine. Such bonds may be sold for such price or prices
 27 as may be determined to be for the best interest of the County, either at, above or below the par
 28 value of any such bonds, and such bonds may be sold in conjunction with other series of bonds
 29 issued by the County in which event the notice of sale soliciting bids for the purchase of such
 30 bonds may require that the acceptance of any bid for any series of bonds be made contingent
 31 upon the acceptance of the bid or bids on all or any of the series being offered by the County for

1 sale at the same time. When such bonds are sold in conjunction with other series of bonds, the
 2 said notice of sale may also require that consolidated bids shall be submitted on any two or more
 3 of such series of bonds.

4 Nothing in this Act shall in any way limit the authority provided for the refunding of
 5 County indebtedness by MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended
 6 or supplemented from time to time or by any other applicable law, and all such authority is
 7 intended to be available to the County to refund any indebtedness incurred pursuant to this Act to
 8 the maximum extent provided by such authority.

9 Such bonds may be issued in an amount sufficient to finance the costs of the Community
 10 College Facilities and the cost of issuance of the bonds. Prior to the application of the proceeds
 11 of such bonds to finance the costs of the Community College Facilities, the cost of issuance of
 12 such bonds for such Community College Facilities may be deducted from such proceeds.

13 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be submitted to the legal
 14 voters of the County, for their approval or disapproval, at the general election to be held in the
 15 County on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The question to be certified to the Board of Supervisors
 16 of Elections of the County for inclusion on the ballot for said general election shall be in
 17 substantially the following form:

18 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS**

19 This measure will allow the County to borrow money by issuing bonds of up to
 20 \$67,306,000 to pay for the design, construction, acquisition, improvement, or repair of
 21 Community College Facilities

22 FOR: A vote “for” this measure will allow the County to borrow money by issuing bonds
 23 to pay for Community College Facilities.

24 AGAINST: A vote “against” this measure will prevent the County from borrowing money
 25 by issuing bonds to pay for Community College Facilities.

26 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the powers granted by this Act are
 27 additional and cumulative and the bonds to be issued pursuant to this Act may be issued,
 28 notwithstanding that other bond acts or laws may provide for the issuance of other bonds or the
 29 borrowing of money for the same or similar purposes on the same or other terms and conditions.
 30 This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes, namely, to authorize the
 31 borrowing of money and the incurring of indebtedness to finance the described capital projects of

1 the same generic class set forth in this Act. Provisions of this Act shall be deemed met and
 2 satisfied if there is substantial compliance with such provisions, including (without limitation)
 3 provisions relating to the submission of any question to the legal voters of the County which are
 4 intended only to provide fair and adequate notice to such voters and not to prescribe provisions
 5 which must be literally satisfied. This Act is not intended to provide or imply that this act or any
 6 prior act not containing a similar provision precludes the County from exercising any power or
 7 prerogative provided by this Act or any other law whether exercised solely pursuant to such
 8 other law or in conjunction with the powers provided by this Act so that, without limiting the
 9 generality of this section, the County may exercise the power to issue (i) bond anticipation notes
 10 (in anticipation of the issuance of bonds pursuant to this Act or otherwise) and grant anticipation
 11 notes pursuant to MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. [§§ 19-205 to 19-206,] §19-212, as
 12 amended, replaced, or re-codified from time to time, and (ii) bonds (or any related bond
 13 anticipation or other notes) authorized by MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205, [to]
 14 19-206, and §19-212, as amended, replaced, or re-codified from time to time, and in exercising
 15 such powers, the County may sell such notes or bonds at private (negotiated) sale as authorized
 16 by these or any other applicable laws.

17 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
 18 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
 19 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
 20 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
 21 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
 22 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
 23 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
 24 or section.

25 SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall become effective
 26 immediately upon the date of the official certification of its approval by the voters at said general
 27 election.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive