

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2024 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-041-2024

Chapter No. 23

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

Introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Dernoga, Oriadha, Fisher, Harrison,  
Hawkins and Blegay

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction June 18, 2024

**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 \$194,380,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,  
7 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair  
8 of 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 \$194,380,000 to finance the design, construction,  
19 reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,

1 relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of Community College Facilities, including the acquisition  
 2 and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and  
 3 the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, all such capital  
 4 projects hereby being found to be (and also being in fact) of the same generic class and being  
 5 described in the capital program of the County for the fiscal years 2025-2030, under the  
 6 following headings, which descriptions are incorporated by reference as if set forth herein:

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

15 Reference to the County's capital program for the fiscal years 2025-2030 is made for  
 16 purposes of description only and such reference shall include the same capital projects in any  
 17 amended or subsequent capital program.

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

1 of such series of bonds.

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

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

11 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be submitted to the legal  
 12 voters of the County, for their approval or disapproval, at the general election to be held in the  
 13 County on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The question to be certified to the Board of Supervisors  
 14 of Elections of the County for inclusion on the ballot for said general election shall be in  
 15 substantially the following form:

16 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS**

17 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not  
 18 exceeding \$194,380,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,  
 19 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair  
 20 of Community College Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the  
 21 architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of  
 22 necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

23 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the powers granted by this Act are  
 24 additional and cumulative and the bonds to be issued pursuant to this Act may be issued,  
 25 notwithstanding that other bond acts or laws may provide for the issuance of other bonds or the  
 26 borrowing of money for the same or similar purposes on the same or other terms and conditions.  
 27 This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes, namely, to authorize the  
 28 borrowing of money and the incurring of indebtedness to finance the described capital projects of  
 29 the same generic class set forth in this Act. Provisions of this Act shall be deemed met and  
 30 satisfied if there is substantial compliance with such provisions, including (without limitation)  
 31 provisions relating to the submission of any question to the legal voters of the County which are

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

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

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

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jolene Ivey  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS AT THE REFERENDUM ON  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER  
5, 2024. EFFECTIVE: DECEMBER 5, 2024