SESSION 1995

HOUSE BILL 771

Short Title: Public School Building Bond Act of 1995.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Barnes; Alexander, Beall, Black, Blue, Bowie, Braswell, W. Brown, Buchanan, Church, Culpepper, Cummings, Cunningham, Dickson, Easterling, Fitch, Fox, Gamble, Grady, Hackney, Hensley, Hightower, Hunt, H. Hunter, Hurley, Lee, Lemmond, Locke, Luebke, McAllister, McCrary, McLaughlin, McMahan, Michaux, G. Miller, Oldham, Ramsey, Redwine, Richardson, Robinson, Rogers, Russell, Sexton, Sutton, Thompson, Tolson, Wainwright, Warner, Wilkins, Womble, Wright, and Yongue.

Referred to: Finance.

April 6, 1995

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
3	OF THE STATE, SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
4	STATE, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL
5	ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL
6	PROJECTS, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE EQUITY IN LOCAL SCHOOL
7	FACILITIES ACROSS THE STATE AND TO ENABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
8	TO GIVE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.
9	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
10	Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Public
11	School Building Bond Act of 1995".
12	Sec. 2. Purpose. It is the intent of the General Assembly by this act to provide
13	for the issuance of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) general obligation bonds
14	of the State to facilitate the providing of public school buildings by making grants to
15	local school administrative units.

1 2		3. Definitions. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires: "Bonds" means bonds issued under this act.
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3	(2)	" Cost" means, without intending thereby to limit or restrict any proper
4		definition of this term in financing the cost of facilities or purposes
5		authorized by this act:
6		a. The cost of constructing, reconstructing, enlarging, acquiring,
7		and improving facilities, and acquiring equipment and land
8		therefor,
9		b. The cost of engineering, architectural, and other consulting
10		services as may be required,
11		c. Administrative expenses and charges,
12		d. Finance charges and interest prior to and during construction and,
13		if deemed advisable by the State Treasurer, for a period not
14		exceeding two years after the estimated date of completion of
15		construction,
16		e. The cost of bond insurance, investment contracts, credit
17		enhancement and liquidity facilities, interest-rate swap
18		agreements or other derivative products, financial and legal
19		consultants, and related costs of bond and note issuance, to the
20		extent and as determined by the State Treasurer,
21		f. The cost of reimbursing the State for any payments made for any
22		cost described above, and
23		g. Any other costs and expenses necessary or incidental to the
24		purposes of this act.
25		Allocations in this act of proceeds of bonds to the costs of a project or
26		undertaking in each case may include allocations to pay the costs set
27		forth in items c., d., e., f., and g. in connection with the issuance of
28		bonds for the project or undertaking.
29	(3)	" Credit facility" means an agreement entered into by the State
30		Treasurer on behalf of the State with a bank, savings and loan
31		association, or other banking institution, an insurance company,
32		reinsurance company, surety company, or other insurance institution, a
33		corporation, investment banking firm, or other investment institution, or
34		any financial institution or other similar provider of a credit facility,
35		which provider may be located within or without the United States of
36		America, such agreement providing for prompt payment of all or any
37		part of the principal or purchase price (whether at maturity, presentment
38		or tender for purchase, redemption or acceleration), redemption
39		premium, if any, and interest on any bonds or notes payable on demand
40		or tender by the owner, in consideration of the State agreeing to repay
41		the provider of the credit facility in accordance with the terms and
42		provisions of such agreement.
43	(4)	" Notes" means notes issued under this act.
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1	(5) "Par formula" means any provision or formula adopted by the State to
2	provide for the adjustment, from time to time, of the interest rate or rates
3	borne by any bonds or notes, including:
4	a. A provision providing for such adjustment so that the purchase
5	price of such bonds or notes in the open market would be as close
6	to par as possible,
7	b. A provision providing for such adjustment based upon a
8	percentage or percentages of a prime rate or base rate, which
9	percentage or percentages may vary or be applied for different
10	periods of time, or
11	c. Such other provision as the State Treasurer may determine to be
12	consistent with this act and will not materially and adversely
13	affect the financial position of the State and the marketing of
14	bonds or notes at a reasonable interest cost to the State.
15	(6) "State" means the State of North Carolina.
16	Sec. 4. Authorization of bonds and notes. Subject to a favorable vote of a
17	majority of the qualified voters of the State who vote on the question of issuing Public
18	School Building Bonds in the election held as provided in this act, the State Treasurer is
19	authorized, by and with the consent of the Council of State, to issue and sell, at one time
20	or from time to time, general obligation bonds of the State to be designated "State of
21	North Carolina Public School Building Bonds", with any additional designations as may
22	be determined to indicate the issuance of bonds from time to time, or notes of the State as
23	provided in this act, in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding five hundred million
24	dollars (\$500,000,000) for the purposes authorized in this act.
25	Sec. 5. Uses of bond and note proceeds. The proceeds of Public School

of bond and note proceeds. The proceeds of Publ 20 Building Bonds and notes shall be used for the purpose of making grants to local school 26 administrative units for paying the cost of providing public school buildings including the 27 planning, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, improvement, repair, or renovation 28 29 of public school buildings, the purchase of land necessary for immediate construction of 30 school buildings, and other related capital outlay projects constituting facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes, but not including 31 32 centralized administration, maintenance, or other facilities.

Any additional moneys that may be received by means of a grant or grants from the United States of America or any agency or department thereof or from any other source to aid in financing the cost of any public school building capital projects authorized by this act may be placed by the State Treasurer in the Public School Building Bonds Fund or in a separate account or fund and shall be disbursed, to the extent permitted by the terms of the grant or grants, without regard to any limitations imposed by this act.

The proceeds of Public School Building Bonds and notes may be used with any other moneys made available by the General Assembly for public school building capital projects, including the proceeds of any other State bond issues, whether heretofore made available or that may be made available at the session of the General Assembly at

which this act is ratified or any subsequent sessions. The proceeds of Public School 1 2 Building Bonds and notes shall be expended and disbursed under the direction and 3 supervision of the Director of the Budget. The funds provided by this act for public 4 school building capital projects shall be disbursed for the purposes provided in this act 5 upon warrants drawn on the State Treasurer by the State Controller, which warrants shall 6 not be drawn until requisition has been approved by the Director of the Budget and which requisition shall be approved only after full compliance with the Executive Budget Act, 7 8 Article 1 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

9 The Director of the Budget shall provide quarterly reports to the State Board of 10 Education, the General Assembly, and the Fiscal Research Division on the expenditure of 11 moneys from the Public School Building Bonds Fund.

12 Sec. 6. Allocation of proceeds. The proceeds of Public School Building 13 Bonds and notes, including premium thereon, if any, except the proceeds of bonds the 14 issuance of which has been anticipated by bond anticipation notes or the proceeds of 15 refunding bonds or notes, shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund to be designated "Public School Building Bonds Fund". Moneys in the Public School Building 16 17 Bonds Fund shall be used for the purposes set forth in this act. The proceeds of Public 18 School Building Bonds and notes shall be allocated and expended for paying the cost of public school building capital projects, to the extent and as provided in this act and 19 20 subject to change as provided in this act, as follows: 21

22 23		Distribution Based on	Distribution Based on	
24	Local School	Ability	Average Daily	
25	Administrative Unit	To Pay	Membership	Total
26				
27	010 Alamance County	\$ 0	\$2,457,092	
28		\$2,457,092		
29	011 Burlington City	0	1,395,637	
30		1,395,637		
31	020 Alexander County	1,736,320	1,069,595	
32		2,805,915		
33	030 Alleghany County	14,733	318,544	
34		333,277		
35	040 Anson County	2,663,252	947,276	
36		3,610,528		
37	050 Ashe County	985,060	744,839	
38		1,729,899		
39	060 Avery County	0	517,982	
40		517,982		
41	070 Beaufort County	2,537,080	1,665,338	
42		4,202,418		

	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA			
1	080 Bertie County	3,290,395	855,162	
2		4,145,557	, -	
3	090 Bladen County	2,972,490	1,165,137	
4	2	4,137,627		
5	100 Brunswick County	0	1,963,531	
6	-	1,963,531		
7	110 Buncombe County	0	5,206,164	
8		5,206,164		
9	111 Asheville City	0	995,047	
10		995,047		
11	120 Burke County	4,027,432	2,828,119	
12		6,855,551		
13	130 Cabarrus County	0	3,350,599	
14		3,350,599		
15	132 Kannapolis	157,552	863,945	
16		1,021,497		
17	140 Caldwell County	4,171,190	2,508,504	
18		6,679,694		
19	150 Camden County	700,523	270,559	
20		971,082		
21	160 Carteret County	0	1,752,740	
22		1,752,740		
23	170 Caswell County	2,206,252	737,556	
24		2,943,808	0.01 (110	
25	180 Catawba County	0	3,016,418	
26		3,016,418	020.252	
27	181 Hickory City	0	930,353	
28	102 N. 4. C.4	930,353	504 00 (
29	182 Newton City	0	594,886	
30	100 Classic Carat	594,886	1 207 270	
31	190 Chatham County	0	1,396,279	
32	200 Charalas Countr	1,396,279	727 120	
33	200 Cherokee County	1,719,760	737,128	
34	210 Charren Country	2,456,888	55 9 460	
35	210 Chowan County	1,192,073	558,469	
36	220 Clay County	1,750,542	257 020	
37	220 Clay County	437,753 695,673	257,920	
38	220 Claveland County	-	1 956 209	
39 40	230 Cleveland County	1,876,091	1,856,208	
40 41	221 Kings Mountain City	3,732,299	855 276	
41 42	231 Kings Mountain City	864,539 1,719,915	855,376	
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	232 Shelby City	709,082	701,567	
,		1,410,649	- <u>j</u> ·	
	240 Columbus County	5,123,569	1,645,416	
	5	6,768,985	, ,	
	241 Whiteville City	1,876,396	602,598	
	2	2,478,994	,	
	250 Craven County	5,241,935	3,127,812	
		8,369,747		
	260 Cumberland County	13,424,480	10,835,839	
		24,260,319		
	270 Currituck County	0	655,939	
		655,939		
	280 Dare County	0	878,084	
		878,084		
	290 Davidson County	2,177,638	3,737,693	
		5,915,331		
	291 Lexington City	375,296	644,157	
		1,019,453		
	292 Thomasville City	267,712	459,500	
		727,212		
	300 Davie County	0	1,029,322	
		1,029,322		
	310 Duplin County	4,609,520	1,772,234	
		6,381,754		
	320 Durham County	0	5,993,848	
		5,993,848		
	330 Edgecombe County	3,607,370	1,713,324	
		5,320,694		
	340 Forsyth County	0	8,539,840	
		8,539,840	1 400 100	
	350 Franklin County	4,071,102	1,439,123	
		5,510,225		
	360 Gaston County	0	6,248,554	
		6,248,554	122 002	
	370 Gates County	1,265,068	423,083	
		1,688,151	2(2 704	
	380 Graham County	907,413	263,704	
	200 Cronwills Court	1,171,117	1 510 200	
	390 Granville County	3,831,515	1,512,386	
	100 Croops Country	5,343,901	502 216	
	400 Greene County	1,527,302	592,316	
		2,119,618		

	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF	NURTH CARULINA		1995
1	410 Guilford County	0	12,088,164	
2		12,088,164		
3	420 Halifax County	4,092,790	1,351,936	
4	-	5,444,726		
5	421 Roanoke Rapids	2,060,339	680,574	
6		2,740,913		
7	422 Weldon City	804,810	265,846	
8	-	1,070,656		
9	430 Harnett County	9,614,755	2,922,804	
10	-	12,537,559		
11	440 Haywood County	329,655	1,561,228	
12	5	1,890,883	, ,	
13	450 Henderson County	0	2,329,203	
14	2	2,329,203	, ,	
15	460 Hertford County	3,472,710	926,711	
16	5	4,399,421	,	
17	470 Hoke County	5,752,475	1,232,616	
18	5	6,985,091	, ,	
19	480 Hyde County	0	169,233	
20	5	169,233	,	
21	490 Iredell County	0	3,022,844	
22		3,022,844	-) -) -	
23	491 Mooresville City	0	717,419	
24		717,419	, .	
25	500 Jackson County	0	738,199	
26		738,199		
27	510 Johnston County	6,873,372	3,568,460	
28		10,441,832	-,,	
29	520 Jones County	698,703	327,755	
30		1,026,458	0_1,100	
31	530 Lee County	697,798	1,747,384	
32		2,445,182	1,7 17,201	
33	540 Lenoir County	3,287,542	2,214,168	
34	5 to Lenon County	5,501,710	2,211,100	
35	550 Lincoln County	1,498,755	1,992,879	
36	550 Enreon County	3,491,634	1,992,019	
37	560 Macon County	0	786,398	
38	soo macon county	786,398	100,590	
39	570 Madison County	1,386,397	543,902	
40	270 Muchson County	1,930,299	5-15,902	
40	580 Martin County	2,381,220	1,067,882	
42	500 Martin County	3,449,102	1,007,002	
74		5,777,102		

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59	0 McDowell County	2,848,365	1,323,017	
		4,171,382		
60	0 Mecklenburg County	0	18,917,894	
		18,917,894		
61	0 Mitchell County	997,373	508,984	
		1,506,357		
62	0 Montgomery County	2,059,025	900,148	
		2,959,173		
63	0 Moore County	0	2,177,536	
		2,177,536	2 520 22 (
64	0 Nash County	5,563,850	3,738,336	
		9,302,186		
65	0 New Hanover County	0	4,488,102	
		4,488,102		
66	0 Northampton County	2,738,060	817,460	
		3,555,520		
67	0 Onslow County	14,410,060	4,393,846	
		18,803,906		
68	0 Orange County	0	1,205,839	
		1,205,839		
68	1 Chapel Hill-Carrboro	0	1,686,332	
		1,686,332		
69	0 Pamlico County	893,130	458,429	
		1,351,559		
70	0 Pasquotank County	3,259,095	1,342,939	
		4,602,034		
71	0 Pender County	2,301,945	1,192,129	
		3,494,074		
72	0 Perquimans County	1,283,672	411,086	
		1,694,758		
73	0 Person County	0	1,178,419	
		1,178,419		
74	0 Pitt County	4,538,117	4,122,859	
		8,660,976		
75	0 Polk County	0	453,716	
		453,716		
76	0 Randolph County	3,800,027	3,253,130	
		7,053,157		
76	1 Asheboro City	975,405	835,026	
		1,810,431		
77	0 Richmond County	5,552,952	1,787,658	
	-	7,340,610		

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7	80 Robeson County	20,167,610	4,930,679	
	2	25,098,289	, ,	
7	90 Rockingham County	3,905,840	3,032,484	
	e y	6,938,324		
8	00 Rowan County	2,949,983	3,984,259	
	, ,	6,938,324		
8	10 Rutherford County	3,340,405	2,132,336	
		5,472,741		
8	20 Sampson County	3,423,359	1,502,746	
		4,926,105		
8	21 Clinton City	1,246,366	547,115	
		1,793,481		
8	30 Scotland County	4,452,662	1,540,235	
		5,992,897		
8	40 Stanly County	2,445,889	1,550,946	
		3,996,835		
8	41 Albemarle City	718,226	455,430	
		1,173,656		
8	50 Stokes County	1,223,540	1,418,558	
		2,642,098		
8	60 Surry County	1,555,653	1,665,981	
		3,221,634		
8	61 Elkin City	207,034	221,717	
		428,751		
8	62 Mount Airy City	385,863	413,228	
		799,091		
8	370 Swain County	1,307,115	354,747	
		1,661,862		
8	80 Transylvania County	0	844,451	
		844,451		
8	90 Tyrrell County	328,235	171,804	
		500,039		
9	00 Union County	2,435,007	3,843,303	
	-	6,278,310		
9	10 Vance County	3,273,215	1,543,448	
		4,816,663		
9	20 Wake County	0	17,224,064	
	-	17,224,064		
9	30 Warren County	2,206,617	654,867	
	-	2,861,484		
9	40 Washington County	1,782,985	567,038	
	C 7	2,350,023	-	

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1	950 Watauga County	0	1,043,247	
2		1,043,247		
3	960 Wayne County	10,175,367	3,990,900	
4		14,166,267		
5	970 Wilkes County	3,054,177	2,095,276	
6	, in the second s	5,149,453		
7	980 Wilson County	1,999,000	2,567,200	
8	-	4,566,200		
9	990 Yadkin County	1,833,202	1,111,797	
10	-	2,944,999		
11	995 Yancey County	842,360	510,912	
12	<u>1,353,272</u>			
13	GRAND TOTAL	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000	
14		\$500,000,000.		
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16 If two or more local school administrative units are consolidated into one unit, 17 the amount allocated above to the units shall be allocated to the merged unit.

Funds disbursed under this act shall be administered and supervised by the Director of the Budget and shall be used only for the purposes provided in this act. Each school administrative unit shall submit to the Director of the Budget its plans for the expenditure of funds allocated under this act. After the Director of the Budget determines that a school administrative unit's planned expenditure of part or all of the funds allocated to it is within the purposes provided in this act, the Director shall make the funds to which the plans apply available to the school administrative unit.

Allocations to the costs of a capital improvement or undertaking in each case may include allocations to pay the costs set forth in Section 3(2)c., d., e., f., and g. of this act in connection with the issuance of bonds for that capital improvement or undertaking.

Sec. 7. Election. The question of the issuance of the bonds authorized by this 28 29 act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at a statewide election to be held 30 November 7, 1995. Any other primary, election, or referendum validly called or scheduled by law at the time the election on the bond questions provided for in this 31 32 section is held, may be held as called or scheduled. Notice of the election on the bond 33 questions shall be given by publication twice in a newspaper or newspapers having 34 general circulation in each county in the State, and the election and the registration of 35 voters therefor shall be held under and in accordance with the general laws of the State. Absentee ballots shall be authorized in the election. 36

The State Board of Elections shall reimburse the counties of the State for all necessary expenses incurred in holding the election that are in addition to those that would have otherwise been incurred, the same to be paid out of the Contingency and Emergency Fund or other funds available to the State Board of Elections.

Voting machines, ballots, or both may be used in accordance with rules
prescribed by the State Board of Elections. The bond questions to be used in the voting
machines and ballots shall be in substantially the following forms:

1 "[] FOR [] AGAINST 2 the issuance of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) State of North Carolina 3 Public School Building Bonds constituting general obligation bonds of the State secured 4 by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of 5 providing funds, with any other available funds, to pay the cost of public school building 6 capital improvements for local governments."

If a majority of those voting on the Public School Building Bond question in the election vote in favor of the issuance of the bonds, the bonds may be issued as provided in this act. If a majority of those voting on the Public School Building Bond question in the election vote against the issuance of the bonds, the bonds shall not be issued.

The results of the election shall be canvassed and declared as provided by law for elections for State officers; the results of the election shall be certified by the State Board of Elections to the Secretary of State, in the manner and at the time provided by the general election laws of the State.

Sec. 8. Issuance of bonds and notes. (a) 16 Terms and Conditions. Bonds or notes 17 may bear such date or dates, may be serial or term bonds or notes, or any combination 18 thereof, may mature in such amounts and at such time or times, not exceeding 40 years from their date or dates, may be payable at such place or places, either within or without 19 20 the United States of America, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as 21 at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts, may bear interest at such rate or rates, which may vary from time to time, and may be made 22 23 redeemable before maturity, at the option of the State or otherwise as may be provided by 24 the State, at such price or prices, including a price less than the face amount of the bonds or notes, and under such terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the State 25 Treasurer, by and with the consent of the Council of State. 26

27 Signatures; Form and Denomination; Registration. Bonds or notes may be (b)issued as certificated or uncertificated obligations. If issued as certificated obligations, 28 bonds or notes shall be signed on behalf of the State by the Governor or shall bear his 29 facsimile signature, shall be signed by the State Treasurer or shall bear his facsimile 30 signature, and shall bear the Great Seal of the State or a facsimile thereof shall be 31 32 impressed or imprinted thereon. If bonds or notes bear the facsimile signatures of the 33 Governor and the State Treasurer, the bonds or notes shall also bear a manual signature which may be that of a bond registrar, trustee, paying agent, or designated assistant of the 34 35 State Treasurer. Should any officer whose signature or facsimile signature appears on bonds or notes cease to be such officer before the delivery of the bonds or notes, the 36 signature or facsimile signature shall nevertheless have the same validity for all purposes 37 38 as if the officer had remained in office until delivery and bonds or notes may bear the 39 facsimile signatures of persons who at the actual time of the execution of the bonds or 40 notes shall be the proper officers to sign any bond or note although at the date of the bond or note such persons may not have been such officers. The form and denomination of 41 42 bonds or notes, including the provisions with respect to registration of the bonds or notes and any system for their registration, shall be as the State Treasurer may determine in 43

conformity with this act; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall prohibit the 1 2 State Treasurer from proceeding, with respect to the issuance and form of the bonds or 3 notes, under the provisions of Chapter 159E of the General Statutes, the Registered 4 Public Obligations Act, as well as under this act.

5 Manner of Sale; Expenses. Subject to determination by the Council of State as (c)6 to the manner in which bonds or notes shall be offered for sale, whether at public or 7 private sale, whether within or without the United States of America and whether by 8 publishing notices in certain newspapers and financial journals, mailing notices, inviting 9 bids by correspondence, negotiating contracts of purchase or otherwise, the State 10 Treasurer is authorized to sell bonds or notes at one time or from time to time at such rate or rates of interest, which may vary from time to time, and at such price or prices, 11 12 including a price less than the face amount of the bonds or the notes, as the State Treasurer may determine. All expenses incurred in preparation, sale, and issuance of 13 14 bonds or notes shall be paid by the State Treasurer from the proceeds of bonds or notes or 15 other available moneys.

16 (d) Notes; Repayment.

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- By and with the consent of the Council of State, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow money and to execute and issue notes of the State for the same, but only in the following circumstances and under the following conditions:
 - a. For anticipating the sale of bonds to the issuance of which the Council of State shall have given consent, if the State Treasurer shall deem it advisable to postpone the issuance of the bonds;
 - For the payment of interest on or any installment of principal of b. any bonds then outstanding, if there shall not be sufficient funds in the State treasury with which to pay the interest or installment of principal as they respectively become due;
 - For the renewal of any loan evidenced by notes herein c. authorized:
 - For the purposes authorized in this act; and d.
 - For refunding bonds or notes as herein authorized. e.
- Funds derived from the sale of bonds or notes may be used in the 32 (2)33 payment of any bond anticipation notes issued under this act. Funds provided by the General Assembly for the payment of interest on or 34 35 principal of bonds shall be used in paying the interest on or principal of any notes and any renewals thereof, the proceeds of which shall have 36 been used in paying interest on or principal of the bonds. 37

38 (e) Refunding Bonds and Notes. By and with the consent of the Council of 39 State, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue and sell refunding bonds and notes pursuant to the provisions of the State Refunding Bond Act for the purpose of refunding 40 bonds or notes issued pursuant to this act. The refunding bonds and notes may be 41 42 combined with any other issues of State bonds and notes similarly secured.

(f) Tax Exemption. Bonds and notes shall be exempt from all State, county, 1 2 and municipal taxation or assessment, direct or indirect, general or special, whether 3 imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, excluding inheritance and gift 4 taxes, income taxes on the gain from the transfer of bonds and notes, and franchise taxes. 5 The interest on bonds and notes shall not be subject to taxation as to income.

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(g) Investment Eligibility. Bonds and notes are hereby made securities in which all public officers, agencies, and public bodies of the State and its political 7 8 subdivisions, all insurance companies, trust companies, investment companies, banks, 9 savings banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, pension or retirement funds, 10 other financial institutions engaged in business in the State, executors, administrators, trustees, and other fiduciaries may properly and legally invest funds, including capital in 11 12 their control or belonging to them. Bonds and notes are hereby made securities which may properly and legally be deposited with and received by any officer or agency of the 13 14 State or political subdivision of the State for any purpose for which the deposit of bonds, notes, or obligations of the State or any political subdivision is now or may hereafter be 15 authorized by law. 16

17 (h) Faith and Credit. The faith and credit and taxing power of the State are 18 hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and the interest on bonds and notes. In addition to the State's right to amend any provision of this act to the extent it does not 19 20 impair any contractual right of a bond owner, the State expressly reserves the right to 21 amend any provision of this act with respect to the making and repayment of loans, the disposition of any repayments of loans, and any intercept provisions relating to the failure 22 23 of a local government unit to repay a loan, the bonds not being secured in any respect by 24 loans, any repayments thereof, or any intercept provisions with respect thereto.

Sec. 9. Variable interest rates. In fixing the details of bonds and notes, the 25 State Treasurer may provide that any of the bonds or notes may: 26

- 27 Be made payable from time to time on demand or tender for purchase (1)by the owner thereof provided a credit facility supports the bonds or 28 29 notes, unless the State Treasurer specifically determines that a credit 30 facility is not required upon a finding and determination by the State Treasurer that the absence of a credit facility will not materially or 31 adversely affect the financial position of the State and the marketing of 32 33 the bonds or notes at a reasonable interest cost to the State;
- Be additionally supported by a credit facility; 34 (2)
- 35 (3) Be made subject to redemption or a mandatory tender for purchase prior 36 to maturity;
- 37 (4) Bear interest at a rate or rates that may vary for such period or periods 38 of time, all as may be provided in the proceedings providing for the 39 issuance of the bonds or notes, including, without limitation, such variations as may be permitted pursuant to a par formula; and 40
- Be made the subject of a remarketing agreement whereby an attempt is 41 (5) 42 made to remarket bonds or notes to new purchasers prior to their

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1 2 presentment for payment to the provider of the credit facility or to the State.

3 If the aggregate principal amount repayable by the State under a credit facility 4 is in excess of the aggregate principal amount of bonds or notes secured by the credit 5 facility, whether as a result of the inclusion in the credit facility of a provision for the 6 payment of interest for a limited period of time or the payment of a redemption premium 7 or for any other reason, then the amount of authorized but unissued bonds or notes during 8 the term of such credit facility shall not be less than the amount of such excess, unless the 9 payment of such excess is otherwise provided for by agreement of the State executed by 10 the State Treasurer.

Sec. 10. Interpretation of act. (a) Additional Method. The foregoing sections of this act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing.

16 (b) Statutory References. References in this act to specific sections or Chapters of 17 the General Statutes or to specific acts are intended to be references to these sections, 18 Chapters, or acts as they may be amended from time to time by the General Assembly.

19 (c) Liberal Construction. This act, being necessary for the health and welfare of 20 the people of the State, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

(d) Inconsistent Provisions. Insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent
 with the provisions of any general laws, or parts thereof, the provisions of this act shall be
 controlling.

(e) Severability. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any
 person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
 applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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Sec. 11. Effective date. This act is effective upon ratification.