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3 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 23-15, 23-17, 23-19, 23-30.24, 23-30.26,23-30.28,23-30.29 and 4 5 6 7 23-30.31 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 23-30.29:1, and 23-30.29:2, relating to the issuance of revenue bonds for institutions of higher education and utilizing the Virginia College Building Authority to finance certain capital projects and equipment at such institutions; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds, by and with the 8 consent of the Governor, pursuant to the provisions of § 23-30.23 et seq. of the Code of Virginia and as permitted by Section 9 (d) of Article \hat{X} of the Constitution of Virginia, in a principal amount not 9 10 exceeding \$18,500,000, plus an amount for issuance costs, capitalized interest for up to one year after the completion of the projects, reserve funds, and other financing expenses, for the purpose of 11 12 providing funds, with any other available funds, to pay all or a portion of the costs incurred or to be 13 incurred for the design and construction of the Northern Virginia Graduate Center in the City of 14 Falls Church, a joint project of the University of Virginia and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and 15 State University; and providing a mechanism for the payment of such bonds. 16

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

20 21 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 23-15, 23-17, 23-19, 23-30.24, 23-30.26, 23-30.28, 23-30.29 and 23-30.31 of the Code of 22 23 Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 23-30.29:1 and 23-30.29:2 as follows: 24 25

§ 23-15. Definitions.

Whenever as used in this chapter, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(a) "Institution" shall mean any educational institution referred to in § 23-14 hereof.

28 (b) "Board" shall mean the board of visitors, board of trustees, or other governing body, by whatever 29 name known, of an institution. 30

(c) "Bonds" shall mean any bonds, certificates notes or other evidences of indebtedness or other obligations of an institution issued by an institution pursuant to this chapter.

(d) "Governor" shall mean the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

33 (e) "Project" shall mean (i) any building, facility, addition, extension or improvement of a capital 34 nature required by or convenient for the purposes of an educational institution, including, without limitation, administration, teaching, lecture and exhibition halls, libraries, dormitories, student apartments, faculty dwellings, dining halls, cafeterias, snack bars, laundries, hospitals, laboratories, 35 36 37 research centers, infirmaries, field houses, gymnasiums, auditoriums, student unions, recreation centers, 38 stadiums, athletic facilities, garages, parking facilities, warehouses and storage buildings, book and 39 student supplies centers and all buildings, lands and any other appurtenances and equipment necessary or 40 desirable in connection therewith or incidental thereto and (ii) any personal property at the institutions.

41 (f) "To erect" or "erection" shall include building, constructing, reconstructing, erecting, extending, bettering, equipping, and improving. 42 43

§ 23-17. Purposes of institutions to acquire and erect projects.

44 In addition to any other purposes provided by law or otherwise, the purpose of every institution shall be to *acquire and* erect any project as defined in § 23-15. 45

§ 23-19. Amount of bonds; purposes; resolutions; Treasury Board to be issuing, etc., agent; payment 46 47 or purchase by institution; no personal liability.

(a) Every institution shall have power and is hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to **48** 49 execute its bonds in such aggregate principal amount as may be determined upon by its board and approved by the Governor. All such bonds shall be issued and sold through the Treasury Board which is 50 51 hereby designated the issuing, sales, and paying agent of such institutions under this chapter. Such aggregate principal amount may include without limitation any engineering or inspection costs or legal 52 53 or accounting expenses incurred by the institution in connection with the project for the erection of 54 which such bonds are issued, and the cost of issuance of the bonds, including printing, engraving, 55 advertising, legal and other similar expenses.

(b) Such bonds shall be authorized by resolution of the board, approved by the Governor, and may 56 57 be issued in one or more series, shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate not exceeding the rate specified in § 23-30.03 payable at such time or times, be in such 58 59 denominations, be in such form, either coupon or registered, carry such registration privileges, be

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60 executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such place or places, be subject to

such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as such resolution or resolutions may provide. Such 61 bonds may be sold at public or private sale for such price or prices as the board with the approval of 62 63 the Governor shall determine, provided that the interest cost to maturity of the money received for any 64 issue of such bonds shall not exceed the rate specified in § 23-30.03; however, prior to the issuance of 65 bonds to finance any "project," the approval of the General Assembly must be obtained; and provided further, that biennially on or before the first day of September in the odd-numbered years, each 66 educational institution shall submit to the Governor any project or projects and the estimated cost of 67 each separate project such educational institution desires to have financed under the provisions of this 68 chapter, and the Governor shall consider such projects and make his recommendation to the General 69 Assembly in the budget submitted in accordance with the provisions of § 2.1-398. Each educational institution is authorized to finance only those projects approved by the General Assembly in the 70 71 appropriations act for the biennium covered by such appropriations act, which projects need not be 72 73 limited to the projects recommended by the Governor.

74 (c) Such bonds may be issued to finance all or a portion of the cost of any project and for the 75 corporate purpose or purposes of the institution specified by § 23-17 hereof or to carry out the powers 76 conferred on the institution by § 23-18 hereof.

(d) Any resolution or resolutions authorizing such bonds may contain a provision or provisions which 77 78 shall be part of the contract with the holders of such bonds as to:

79 (1) Fixing, revising, charging and collecting fees, rents and charges for or in connection with the use, 80 occupation or services of the project and pledging the same and any increases in revenues to be derived from any existing facilities at such institution resulting from any increase in the fees, rents or charges 81 82 for or in connection with the use, occupation or services of any such existing facilities to the payment of 83 the principal of and the interest on such bonds;

84 (2) Fixing, revising, charging and collecting fees, rents and charges for or in connection with the use, 85 occupation or services of any existing facilities at such institution and pledging the same to the payment 86 of the principal of and the interest on such bonds;

87 (3) Fixing, revising, charging and collecting student building fees and other student fees from 88 students enrolled at such institution and pledging the same in whole or in part to the payment of the 89 principal of and the interest on such bonds:

90 (4) Pledging to the payment of the principal of and the interest on such bonds any moneys available 91 for the use of such institution, including, but not limited to, and subject to guidelines to be promulgated 92 by the Secretary of Finance, moneys appropriated to such institution from the general fund of the 93 Commonwealth or from nongeneral funds, without regard to the source of such moneys, and which are 94 not required by law or by previous binding contract to be devoted to some other purpose;

(5) Paying the cost of operating and maintaining any project and any such existing facilities from 95 96 any one or more of the revenue sources mentioned in subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this subsection 97 creating reserves for such purposes and providing for the use and application thereof;

(6) Creating sinking funds for the payment of the principal of and the interest on such bonds, 98 99 creating reserves for such purposes and providing for the use and application thereof;

100 (7) Limiting the right of the institution to restrict and regulate the use, occupation and services of the 101 project and such other existing facilities or the services rendered therein;

102 (8) Limiting the purposes to which the proceeds of sale of any issue of bonds then or thereafter to be 103 issued may be applied; 104

(9) Limiting the issuance of additional bonds;

105 (10) Setting forth the procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract with the holders of such 106 bonds may be amended or abrogated and the manner in which such consent of such holders to any such 107 amendment or abrogation may be given; and

108 (11) Setting forth such other condition or conditions as may be required by the United States of 109 America or any federal agency as a condition precedent to or a requirement in connection with the 110 obtaining of a direct grant or grants of money for or in aid of the erection of any project, or to defray 111 or to partially defray the cost of labor and material employed in the erection of any project, or to obtain a loan or loans of money for or in aid of the erection of any project from the United States of America 112 113 or any federal agency, provided that such other condition or conditions are approved by the Governor.

114 (e) The power and obligation of an institution to pay any bonds issued under this chapter shall be limited. Such bonds shall be payable only from any one or more of the revenue sources mentioned in 115 subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of subsection (d) of this section and pledged therefor pursuant to a 116 resolution adopted under said subsection (d). Such bonds shall in no event constitute an indebtedness of 117 118 the institution, except to the extent of the collection of such revenues and such institution shall not be 119 liable to pay such bonds or the interest thereon from any other funds; and no contract entered into by 120 the institution pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be construed to require the costs or 121 expenses of operation and maintenance of the project for the erection of which the bonds are issued and 122 any such other existing facilities to be paid out of any funds other than the revenues derived from the 123 sources mentioned in subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of subsection (d) of this section and pledged 124 therefor. Any provision of the general laws to the contrary notwithstanding, any bonds issued pursuant 125 to the authority of this chapter shall be fully negotiable within the meaning and for all the purposes of 126 Title 8.3.

(f) Neither the Governor nor the members of the board nor any person executing such bonds shall beliable personally on the bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of theissuance thereof.

(g) The institution shall have power out of any funds available therefor to purchase any bonds issued
by it at a price not more than the principal amount thereof and the accrued interest. All bonds so
purchased shall be cancelled unless purchased as an endowment fund investment. This paragraph shall
not apply to the redemption of bonds.

134 (h) In any case in which an institution shall have obtained a loan for or in aid of the erection of any 135 project from the United States of America or any federal agency, which loan requires the establishment 136 of a debt service reserve, the institution, with the consent of the Governor, may deposit securities in a 137 separate collateral account in an amount equal to the required debt service reserve, which securities shall 138 be pledged to meet the debt service requirements only if the revenues derived from any one or more of 139 the sources mentioned in subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of subsection (d) of this section and pledged 140 for the payment of such loan become insufficient for such purpose. The face value of United States 141 government securities and the market value of all other securities shall be deemed to be the value of any 142 securities so deposited. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting repayment of any portion of 143 such loan from income derived from the securities so deposited. No securities shall be deposited in any 144 such collateral account unless the same shall have been purchased with funds, the use of which is in 145 nowise limited or restricted or shall have been donated to such institution for the purpose of establishing 146 such debt service reserve.

147 § 23-30.24. Legislative declaration; definitions.

148 It is hereby found, determined and declared that the providing of funds for the construction of 149 projects of capital improvement at educational institutions within this Commonwealth is or may be 150 hindered, impeded and delayed by the high financing costs resulting from the sale of bonds of such 151 educational institutions in the open market, and it is desirable that a state agency be created as 152 hereinafter provided, authorized *either* (i) to purchase such bonds in order to serve educational 153 institution purposes by financing the construction of projects of capital improvement at less cost, thereby 154 facilitating such construction or (ii) to issue its own revenue bonds for purposes of paying for the costs 155 of such projects.

156 It is hereby further found, determined and declared that there is an urgent need to provide substantial 157 amounts of new scientific, technical and other equipment for teaching, research and related activities at 158 such educational institutions so that they may remain competitive in attracting high-quality faculty and 159 obtaining research grants, and it is desirable that a state agency be empowered, as hereinafter provided, 160 to purchase such equipment for lease or sale to such educational institutions in order to provide them with such equipment at the lowest possible cost, thereby facilitating the acquisition and supply of such 161 162 equipment to educational institutions and increasing the purchasing power of their funds, including funds 163 provided by tuition and fees and by appropriations from the General Assembly.

164 As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context shall otherwise indicate:

"Authority" shall mean the Virginia College Building Authority created by § 23-30.25, or, if said
Authority shall be abolished, the board, body, commission, department or officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers given by this chapter to the Authority shall be given by law.

170 "Bonds" shall mean bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness or other obligations of the 171 Authority pursuant to this chapter.

172 "Educational institution" shall mean those institutions enumerated in § 23-14, area vocational and
173 technical schools established under Chapter 16 (§ 23-214 et seq.) of this title, and all other schools
174 owned and operated by the Commonwealth in which a college education is taught for less than four
175 years.

176 "Equipment" shall mean any personal property, including, but without limitation, computer hardware
177 and software and any other improvements of all types, to be used to support academic instruction and
178 research, at educational institutions.

179 "Project" shall have the same meaning as defined in § 23-15.

180 § 23-30.26. Administration of assets, moneys or obligations.

181 The Authority shall manage and administer as hereinafter provided all assets, moneys or obligations182 that may be set aside and transferred to it by the General Assembly *or educational institutions*.

183 § 23-30.28. Bonds of Authority generally.

184 In order to provide funds for the purchase of educational institution bonds as authorized by 185 § 23-30.27, and to provide funds for the acquisition of equipment as authorized by § 23-30.27:1, and to 186 provide funds for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of any one or more projects or of 187 any portion or portions thereof, the Authority is hereby authorized to provide by resolution, at one time 188 or from time to time, for the issuance of bonds of the Authority in such amount or amounts as the 189 Authority shall determine. Such bonds of the Authority shall be payable solely from funds of the 190 Authority, including, but without limitation, any one or more of the following: (i) payments of principal 191 of and interest on educational institution bonds purchased by the Authority, (ii) the proceeds of the sale 192 of any such educational institution bonds, (iii) payments of principal of and interest on obligations 193 transferred to the Authority by the General Assembly or from other assets or moneys transferred to the Authority by the General Assembly or educational institutions, including lease payments or any other 194 195 source of revenue, (iv) the proceeds of the sale of any such obligations or assets, (v) the proceeds from 196 the sale of bonds of the Authority, (vi) payments made by educational institutions under leases or sales 197 of equipment by the Authority, (vii) funds realized from the enforcement of security interests or other 198 liens securing such bonds, (viii) payments due under letters of credit, policies of bond insurance, bond 199 purchase agreements or other credit enhancements securing payment of principal of and interest on bonds of the Authority, (ix) any moneys held in funds established by the Authority pursuant to 200 201 § 23-30.27:1, (x) any reserve or sinking funds created to secure such payment, and (xi) other available 202 funds of the Authority. Bonds of the Authority issued under the provisions of this chapter shall not be 203 deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth or a pledge of the faith or credit of the 204 Commonwealth and all bonds of the Authority shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the effect 205 that neither the faith and credit, nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision thereof is, or shall be, pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on such 206 207 bonds.

208 The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall mature at such time or times, not exceeding forty years 209 from their date or dates, as may be determined by the Authority, and may be made redeemable before 210 maturity, at the option of the Authority, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as 211 may be fixed by the Authority prior to the issuance of the bonds. The bonds may bear interest payable 212 at such time or times and at such rate or rates as determined by the Authority or as determined in such 213 manner as the Authority may provide, including the determination by agents designated by the Authority 214 under guidelines established by it. The principal and interest of such bonds may be made payable in any 215 lawful medium. The Authority shall determine the form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to 216 be attached thereto, and the manner of execution of the bonds, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof, which 217 218 may be at the office of the State Treasurer or at any bank or trust company within or without the 219 Commonwealth. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on 220 any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds such signature or 221 such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery. All revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this chapter (other than 222 223 bonds registered as to principal or in registered form) shall have and are hereby declared to have, as 224 between successive holders, all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the law of 225 this Commonwealth. The bonds may be issued in coupon or in registered form, or both, as the Authority 226 may determine, and provisions may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal 227 alone and of registered bonds as to both principal and interest, and for the reconversion of any bonds 228 registered as to both principal and interest into coupon bonds and for the exchange of either coupon 229 bonds or registered bonds without coupons for an equal aggregate principal amount of other coupon bonds or registered bonds without coupons or both of any denomination or denominations. The 230 231 Authority may sell such bonds in such manner, either at public or private sale, and for such price as it 232 may determine to be for the best interests of the Authority. The proceeds of such bonds shall be 233 disbursed for the purposes for which such bonds shall have been issued under such restrictions, if any, 234 as the resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds or the trust indenture hereinafter mentioned may 235 provide. Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the Authority may under like restrictions issue 236 temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds shall 237 have been executed and are available for delivery. The Authority may also provide for the replacement 238 of any bond which shall become mutilated or shall be destroyed or lost. Such revenue bonds may be 239 issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things than the 240 proceedings, conditions, and things which are specified and required by this chapter.

241 Neither the members of the Authority nor any person executing any bonds issued under the
242 provisions of this chapter shall be liable personally on such bonds or be subject to any personal liability
243 or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

244 The aggregate principal amount of bonds issued to finance acquisition of equipment pursuant to

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245 § 23-30.27:1 shall not exceed \$150 million.

246 No project for an institution listed in § 23-14 shall be undertaken by the Authority if such project
247 was not specifically included in a bill passed by a majority of those elected to each house of the
248 General Assembly, authorizing such project or projects. In addition, any such project shall have been

249 designated by the institution's board of visitors as a project to be undertaken by the Authority.

250 § 23-30.29. Security for bonds.

251 In the discretion of the Authority, any bonds issued under the provisions of this chapter may be 252 secured by a trust indenture by and between the Authority and a corporate trustee, which may be any 253 trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without this Commonwealth. 254 Such trust indenture or the resolution providing for the issuance of such bonds may pledge or assign all 255 or any part of the funds of the Authority available for such purpose, including, but without limitation, (i) 256 payments of principal of and interest on educational institution bonds purchased by the Authority, (ii) 257 the proceeds of the sale of any such educational institution bonds, (iii) payments of principal of and 258 interest on obligations transferred to the Authority by the General Assembly or from other assets or 259 moneys transferred to the Authority by the General Assembly or educational institutions, including lease payments and other sources of revenue, (iv) the proceeds of the sale of any such obligations or assets, 260 261 (v) the proceeds from the sale of bonds of the Authority, (vi) security interests granted by the Authority or any educational institution in, or other liens on, equipment, whether such equipment has been leased 262 or sold to an educational institution, (vii) all or any part of the payments due the Authority from 263 264 educational institutions under any leases, sale agreements, loans or other agreements made by the 265 Authority with the educational institutions pursuant to § 23-30.27:1, and any funds realized from 266 enforcing security for such payments, (viii) payments due under policies of bond insurance, letters of 267 credit or other credit enhancement securing payment of principal of and interest on bonds of the Authority, (ix) any moneys in any, or all of the funds as the Authority may from time to time establish 268 269 pursuant to § 23-30.27:1, (x) any reserve or sinking funds created by the Authority to secure such bonds, 270 and (xi) other available funds of the Authority. Such trust indenture or resolution may also pledge or 271 assign any other rights of the Authority in equipment owned by, or leases or sales of equipment made 272 by, the Authority. Such trust indenture or resolution providing for the issuance of such bonds may 273 contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders as may 274 be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law. Such trust indenture or resolution providing for the 275 issuance of such bonds may provide for the creation and maintenance of such reserves as the Authority 276 shall determine to be proper, and may include covenants setting forth the duties of the Authority in 277 relation to the acquisition of any equipment or educational institution bonds; the care, leasing or sale of 278 equipment to educational institutions; the substitution of any educational institution bonds, equipment, 279 leases, security interest or other security as security for the payment of the bonds of the Authority; care, 280 use and insurance of equipment; the repossession and sale of leased or sold equipment by the Authority 281 or the trustee under any trust indenture upon any default under the lease or sale of such equipment; and 282 the collection of payments due the Authority under leases or agreements of sale of equipment and 283 payments of principal and interest on any educational institution bonds and on any obligations or other 284 assets held by the Authority. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company incorporated under the 285 laws of the Commonwealth which may act as depository of the proceeds of bonds or of revenues to 286 furnish such indemnifying bonds or to pledge such securities as may be required by the Authority. Any 287 such trust indenture may set forth the rights and remedies of the bondholders and the trustee, and may 288 restrict the individual right of action by bondholders. In addition to the foregoing, any such trust 289 indenture or resolution may contain such other provisions as the Authority may deem reasonable and 290 proper for the security of the bondholders. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of such 291 trust indenture or resolution may be treated as a part of the administration costs of the Authority. 292 Neither the resolution nor any trust indenture by which a pledge is created need be filed or recorded 293 except in the records of the Authority.

§ 23-30.29:1. Reserve fund; limitations.

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A. If the Authority deems it proper to create a reserve fund or funds from bond proceeds or other funds of the Authority to support an issuance of bonds in accordance with the provisions of this section, all moneys held in such reserve fund, except as hereinafter provided, shall be pledged solely for the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds secured in whole or in part by such a fund. Any income or interest earned on, or increment to, any reserve fund may be transferred by the Authority to other funds or accounts of the Authority to the extent it does not reduce the amount of the reserve fund below its minimum requirement.

B. The Authority shall not at any time issue bonds secured in whole or in part by any reserve fund
referred to in subsection C if, upon the issuance of the bonds, the amount in the reserve fund will be
less than its minimum requirement unless the Authority, at the time of the issuance of the bonds,
deposits in the fund an amount which, together with the amount then in the fund, will not be less than

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306 the fund's minimum reserve requirement.

307 C. In order to assure further the maintenance of reserve funds established in accordance with the 308 provisions of this section, the chairman of the Authority shall annually, on or before November 15, 309 make and deliver to the Governor and the Secretary of Finance a certificate stating the sum, if any, 310 required to restore each reserve fund to its minimum requirement. The Governor shall submit to the 311 presiding officer of each house of the General Assembly printed copies of a budget including the sum, if 312 any, required to restore each reserve fund to its minimum requirement; such submission shall be made at the time the Governor presents his budget and budget bill to the General Assembly pursuant to 313 314 §§ 2.1-398 and 2.1-399. All sums, if any, which may be appropriated by the General Assembly for any restoration and paid to the Authority shall be deposited by the Authority in the applicable reserve fund. 315 316 All amounts paid to the Authority by the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions of this section shall 317 constitute and be accounted for as advances by the Commonwealth to the Authority and, subject to the 318 rights of the holders of any bonds of the Authority, shall be repaid to the Commonwealth without 319 interest from available revenues of the Authority in excess of the amounts required for the payment of 320 bonds or other obligations of the Authority, the maintenance of reserve funds, and operating expenses.

D. The total principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time, secured by a reserve fund in
 accordance with the provisions of this section, shall not exceed the sum of \$300 million without the
 prior approval of the General Assembly.

E. Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the power of the Authority to issue bonds (i) not secured by a reserve fund or (ii) secured by a reserve fund not described in this section.

326 § 23-30.29:2. Educational institution's pledge of tuition, fees, etc.

In order to provide funds for the repayment of bonds issued by the Authority either (i) for the 327 purchase of any educational institution's bonds or (ii) to provide funds for the purpose of paying all or 328 any part of the cost of any one or more projects or of any portion or portions thereof, each educational 329 330 institution is hereby authorized to agree to transfer to the Authority all or a part of such educational 331 institution's tuition receipts, student fees, other charges, revenues from sales and services, auxiliary 332 funds and enterprise funds, to the extent they are not otherwise pledged contractually. Any agreement 333 related to such transfer may contain other provisions the Authority and educational institutions deem 334 reasonable and proper and not in violation of law. Any such agreement shall not be deemed to 335 constitute a debt of the Commonwealth or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth. 336 Neither the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth, nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth or of 337 any political subdivision thereof, is or shall be pledged to the payment of the principal and interest on 338 bonds so secured by such agreement. Prior to execution, any such agreement shall be approved by (i) 339 the Secretary of Finance and (ii) the Secretary of Education.

§ 23-30.31. Powers of Authority.

In order to enable the Authority to carry out the purposes for which it is established the Authority is
vested with the powers of a public body corporate, including the power to sue and be sued, to make
contracts, and to adopt and use a common seal and to alter the same, and is authorized and empowered:

(a) To have perpetual succession as a public body corporate, and to adopt bylaws and regulations forthe conduct of its affairs;

(b) To maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate;

347 (c) To collect, or to authorize the trustee under any trust indenture securing any bonds of the
348 Authority to collect, as the same shall become due, (i) the principal of and the interest on all obligations
349 transferred to the Authority by the General Assembly and (ii) other assets or moneys transferred to the
350 Authority by the General Assembly or educational institutions, including lease payments and other
351 sources of revenue;

(c1) To conduct a program of purchasing equipment for lease or sale to educational institutions as authorized by this chapter;

(d) To collect, or to authorize the trustee under any trust indenture securing any bonds of the
Authority to collect, as the same shall become due, payments due under leases or agreements of sale of
equipment *or leases of real property* by the Authority to educational institutions, and the principal of
and the interest on all educational institution bonds purchased by the Authority;

(d1) To repossess and sell, or to authorize the trustee under any trust indenture securing any bondsof the Authority to repossess and sell, any equipment upon any default under the lease or agreement forthe sale of such equipment;

361 (d2) To repossess and re-lease, or to authorize the trustee under any trust indenture securing any
 362 bonds of the Authority to repossess and re-lease, any project upon any default under the lease of such
 363 project;

364 (d3) To assist educational institutions in applying for grants from, or entering into other agreements
365 with, the federal or state government or foundations or others designed to provide guarantees of or funds
366 for payments under leases or contracts of sale or other benefits and to enter into similar agreements with
367 such entities itself;

(e) To select in such manner as it deems fit, and to appoint and employ financial experts, corporate
depositories, trustees, paying agents, attorneys, accountants, consulting engineers, construction experts
and for such other services as may be necessary in the judgment of the Authority, and to pay their
compensation and reasonable expenses either from moneys received by the Authority under the
provisions of this chapter, or from appropriations made by the General Assembly for such purposes;

- (f) To issue bonds of the Authority as authorized by this chapter, and to refund any of such bonds;(g) To receive and accept any grants, aid or contributions from any source of either money, property,
- 375 labor or other things of value, or to reject the same in the judgment of the Authority; and
 376 (h) To do any and all other acts and things necessary, appropriate, incidental or convenient to

(h) To do any and all other acts and things necessary, appropriate, incidental or convenient tocarrying out the powers expressly granted in this chapter.

378 2. That pursuant to § 23-30.28 of the Code of Virginia, the General Assembly hereby authorizes 379 the Virginia College Building Authority to undertake the following projects including, without 380 limitation, constructing, improving, furnishing, maintaining, acquiring and renovating buildings, 381 facilities, improvements and land therefor, to exercise any and all powers granted to it by law in 382 connection therewith, including the power to lease such projects to institutions of higher education 383 of the Commonwealth, and to finance all or any portion of the cost thereof by the issuance of revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$18,500,000 plus amounts needed to fund 384 385 issuance costs, reserve funds, interest prior to and during acquisition, construction or renovation 386 and for one year after completion thereof, and other financing expenses. The Authority may pay 387 all or any part of the cost of any project hereinafter listed or authorized or any portion thereof 388 with any income and reserve funds of the Authority available for such purpose, and in such case 389 may transfer such funds of the Authority, with or without a property interest in such projects, as 390 determined by the Authority, with the approval of the Governor. 391

392 Facility Project Cost 393 394 Northern Virginia Graduate Center \$18,500,000 395 in the City of Falls Church, jointly 396 for the University of Virginia 397 and Virginia Polytechnic Institute 398 and State University 399 Total \$18,500,000 400

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