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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - "~~Children~~ Child First" - Special Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish by
4 ordinance a certain authority; specifying the purpose of an authority established
5 under this Act; establishing certain powers and duties of an authority established
6 under this Act; providing that the Mayor and City Council are authorized to provide
7 funding and services for an authority established under this Act; and generally
8 relating to the establishment, authority, funding, and operations of a certain
9 authority within Baltimore City.

10 BY adding to

11 The Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision
12 Article II - General Powers
13 Section (64)
14 (1993 Replacement Volume and September 1995 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

18 Article II - General Powers

19 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
20 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of

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1 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in
2 particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such
3 other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said
4 Constitution and Public General Laws:

5 (64) (A) TO ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE AN AUTHORITY KNOWN AS
6 "~~CHILDREN~~ CHILD FIRST" THAT USES EXISTING FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
7 PROVIDING RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND OTHER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR
8 CHILDREN.

9 (B) THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

10 (1) IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT OF THE BALTIMORE CITY
11 GOVERNMENT;

12 (2) SHALL HAVE THOSE POWERS AND DUTIES CONSISTENT WITH
13 THE PURPOSES OF THE AUTHORITY, DELEGATED THROUGH THE ORDINANCE THAT
14 THE CITY ITSELF COULD OTHERWISE EXERCISE; AND

15 (3) IS EXEMPT FROM THOSE LAWS OR PROCEDURES THAT WOULD
16 OTHERWISE APPLY TO ANY UNIT OF THE BALTIMORE CITY GOVERNMENT TO THE
17 EXTENT EXEMPTED BY THE ORDINANCE.

18 (C) THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

19 (1) SHALL HAVE A MANAGEMENT BOARD AND EXECUTIVE
20 DIRECTOR AS PRESCRIBED IN THE ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION;

21 (2) MAY SUE OR BE SUED;

22 (3) MAY ACQUIRE, LEASE, OR HOLD PROPERTY FOR THE
23 PURPOSES OF THE AUTHORITY;

24 (4) MAY INCUR LIMITED OBLIGATION DEBT THAT SHALL BE AN
25 OBLIGATION SOLELY OF THE AUTHORITY IF AUTHORIZED BY THE ORDINANCE;

26 (5) MAY EMPLOY STAFF OR CONTRACT FOR ANY SERVICES
27 NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE AUTHORITY;

28 (6) MAY ADOPT BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE
29 OPERATION OF THE AUTHORITY;

30 (7) MAY ESTABLISH FEES NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF
31 THE AUTHORITY;

32 (8) MAY MAKE CONTRACTS OF ANY KIND AND EXECUTE ANY
33 INSTRUMENT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE AUTHORITY;

34 (9) MAY ACCEPT FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY GRANTS
35 OR OTHER REVENUE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE
36 AUTHORITY; AND

37 (10) SHALL HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL POWERS GRANTED UNDER
38 AND SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCE ENACTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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1 (D) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE
2 FUNDING FOR THE AUTHORITY AND ANY SERVICES THROUGH THE CITY
3 GOVERNMENT THAT ARE DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO ASSIST THE AUTHORITY IN ITS
4 OPERATIONS.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 1996.