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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts,**
3 **Inc.**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$250,000~~
5 \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the
6 Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or
7 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to
8 a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the
9 grantee and the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County to grant and convey
10 a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; and providing generally for the
11 issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Maryland Hall
16 for the Creative Arts, Inc. Loan of 1996 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of
17 (i) ~~\$250,000~~, \$200,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance
18 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of
19 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works
20 and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State
21 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a
23 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §
24 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and
2 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the
3 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on
4 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,
5 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects'and engineers' fees:
6 as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc.
7 (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the repair, renovation,
8 rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction of, and for the provision of capital
9 equipment for, the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc. located inAnnapolis.

10 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in theState in rate
11 and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bondsas and when due
12 and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of
13 issuance of the bonds.

14 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
15 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide andexpend a matching
16 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or
17 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of
18 the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to
19 the effective date of this Act. The grantee may use funds received fromthe County
20 Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County as matching funds. In case of any
21 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as
22 matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's
23 decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 1998, to present evidence satisfactory to
24 the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence
25 is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the
26 State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund
27 shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess
28 of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be
29 canceled and be of no further effect.

30 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee and the Board of
31 Education of Anne Arundel County shall grant and convey to the MarylandHistorical
32 Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its interest:

33 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
34 and

35 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
36 structures.

37 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
38 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

39 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
40 June 1, 1996.

