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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$945,000, the

proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital for 4

5 certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providingfor

6 disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that thegrantee

7 provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and

8 sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 9 10 MARYLAND, That:

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on 11 12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as theBaltimore City 13 - Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital Loan of 1996 in a total principalamount equal to 14 the lesser of (i) \$945,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance 15 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of 16 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works 17 and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State 18 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

19 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan maybe sold as a 20 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 21 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

22 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and 23 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the 24 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on 25 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works, 26 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects'and engineers' fees:

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1 as a grant to the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital (referred to hereafter in this Act

2 as "the grantee") for the planning, development, and construction of, and for the

3 provision of capital equipment for, a center for pediatric respiratory medicine, which will

4 provide ambulatory care services, diagnostics, education and training, and a

 $5\,$ communication system for children throughout the State who have chronic pulmonary

6 disorders, and for necessary support services for their families, to belocated at the

7 current hospital Hospital site in Baltimore City.

8 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in theState in rate 9 and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and when due 10 and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of 11 issuance of the bonds.

12 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the 13 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching 14 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or 15 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of 16 the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of 17 funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the 18 amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the 19 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The 20 grantee has until June 1, 1998, to present evidence satisfactory to theBoard of Public 21 Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the 22 Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, 23 and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended 24 for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excessof the amount of 25 the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no 26 further effect.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 28 June 1, 1996.

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