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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - "Children 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
21 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in
22 particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such
23 other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said
24 Constitution and Public General Laws:

25 (64) (A) TO ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE AN AUTHORITY KNOWN AS
26 "CHILDREN FIRST" THAT USES EXISTING FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
27 PROVIDING RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND OTHER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR
28 CHILDREN.

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1 (B) THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

2 (1) IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT OF THE BALTIMORE CITY
3 GOVERNMENT;

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

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

10 (C) THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

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

13 (2) MAY SUE OR BE SUED;

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

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

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

20 (6) MAY ADOPT BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE
21 OPERATION OF THE AUTHORITY;

22 (7) MAY ESTABLISH FEES NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF
23 THE AUTHORITY;

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

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

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

31 (D) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE
32 FUNDING FOR THE AUTHORITY AND ANY SERVICES THROUGH THE CITY
33 GOVERNMENT THAT ARE DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO ASSIST THE AUTHORITY IN ITS
34 OPERATIONS.

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