

CF SB 494

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Lottsford Corridor Youth Center**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$2,000,000,  
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland-National Capital Park and  
5 Planning Commission for certain acquisition, development, or improvement  
6 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement  
7 that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for  
8 the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

9 Preamble

10 WHEREAS, The communities of the Lottsford Corridor are concerned with the  
11 potential for juvenile crime and the problems of at-risk youth and recognize their need  
12 for accessible educational and training opportunities;

13 WHEREAS, The Lottsford Corridor Community Center will be a unique facility  
14 which will provide youth development through after-school, recreational, educational and  
15 training programs; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to servicing at-risk youth, the Lottsford Corridor  
17 Community Center will be a multipurpose recreational center and community center  
18 offering special programs for preschoolers through seniors; and

19 WHEREAS, The Lottsford Corridor Community Center will provide services to  
20 outer- and inner-beltway neighborhoods whose needs are not currently being met by the  
21 existing area community centers; and

22 WHEREAS, To address community needs, various community organizations,  
23 businesses and individuals have formed the Lottsford Corridor Community Foundation  
24 which will contribute financially and through resources and assistance toward the  
25 operation of the Lottsford Corridor Community Center; and

26 WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has  
27 jurisdiction over parks and recreation centers in Prince George's County, and, as  
28 indicated in its Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P. EC06098) will contribute  
29 \$2,300,000 toward the purchase of bonds to finance construction of the Center; and

30 WHEREAS, Rocky Gorge, Inc., as a participant in a Special Tax Obligation  
31 District, will contribute \$1,200,000 toward purchase of the bonds; now, therefore,

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

3 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
4 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince George's  
5 County - Lottsford Corridor Youth Center Loan of 1997 in a total principal amount equal  
6 to the lesser of (i) \$2,000,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in  
7 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,  
8 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of  
9 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124  
10 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

11 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a  
12 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §  
13 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

14 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and  
15 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the  
16 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on  
17 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,  
18 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees:  
19 as a grant to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (referred to  
20 hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning, design, and construction of, and  
21 for the provision of capital equipment for, the Lottsford Corridor Recreational and  
22 Youth Program Center, a facility in Prince George's County that will be dedicated to the  
23 development of at-risk youth through job training, education, and counseling.

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

28 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
29 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching  
30 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or  
31 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. The fund  
32 may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the  
33 effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or  
34 what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall  
35 determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,  
36 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund  
37 will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
38 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
39 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in  
40 this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified  
41 by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

42 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
43 June 1, 1997.