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By: Senator Middleton

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Charles County - Historic Old Waldorf School - Preservation Loan of 1995

- 3 FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 147 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995,
- 4 the Historic Old Waldorf School Preservation Loan of 1995, to extend the time by
- 5 which the grantee shall provide evidence of a matching fund.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Chapter 147 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995
- 8 Section 1
- 9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 Chapter 147 of the Acts of 1995

- 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 Charles County
- 16 Historic Old Waldorf School Preservation Loan of 1995 in a total principal amount
- 17 equal to the lesser of (i) \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
- 18 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
- 19 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of
- 20 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124
- 21 of the State 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.
- 25 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and
- 26 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the
- 27 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on
- 28 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,
- 29 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees:
- 30 as a grant to the Friends of Old Waldorf School Foundation, Inc. (referred to hereafter in

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1 this Act as "the grantee") for the repair, renovation, restoration, and preservation of the 2 Historic Old Waldorf School, located in Charles County.

- 3 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in rate 4 and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and when due 5 and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of 6 issuance of the bonds.
- 7 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the 8 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching
- 9 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or
- 7 fund. No part of the grantees materning fund may be provided, either directly of
- 10 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of 11 the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of
- 12 funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the
- 13 amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the
- 14 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The
- 15 grantee has until June 1, [1997] 1998, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of
- 16 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented,
- 17 the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State
- 18 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall
- 19 be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of
- 20 the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled
- 21 and be of no further effect.
- 22 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey to
- 23 the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its
- 24 interest:
- 25 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
- 26 and
- 27 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
- 28 structures.
- 29 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
- 30 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.
- 31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 32 June 1, 1997.