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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Eubie Blake National Museum and Cultural**
3 **Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,000,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Eubie Blake National Museum and
6 Cultural Center for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes;
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the
8 grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the
9 issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore City
14 - Eubie Blake National Museum and Cultural Center Loan of 1997 in the total principal
15 amount of \$1,000,000. 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 may be 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:
27 as a grant to the Eubie Blake National Museum and Cultural Center (referred to
28 hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the continuing construction and equipping,
29 including associated planning, design, and site work, of a building at Franklin and
30 Howard Streets in Baltimore City, to be used as the Eubie Blake National Museum and
31 Cultural Center.

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

5 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
6 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching
7 fund of \$50,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly
8 or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part
9 of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to
10 the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching
11 fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works
12 shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,
13 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund
14 will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to
15 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes
16 provided in this Act.

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