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By: **Delegates Rawlings, Fulton, and Marriott**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - St. Ambrose Family Outreach**
3 **Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the St. Vincent de
6 Paul Society of Baltimore, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or
7 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject
8 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;
9 prohibiting the use of the proceeds or any of the matching funds for sectarian
10 religious purposes; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
11 evidencing the loan.

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 Baltimore
16 City - St. Ambrose Family Outreach Center Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount
17 equal to the lesser of (i) \$500,000 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
20 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
21 8-124 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
23 a 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
26 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
27 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
28 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
29 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
30 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the St. Vincent
31 de Paul Society of Baltimore, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee")
32 for the demolition of two existing buildings adjoining the St. Ambrose Family

1 Outreach Center, for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a
2 new replacement structure, for the planning, design, repair, renovation, and capital
3 equipping of the existing building used by the Center, and for the integration of the
4 two structures to maximize the functional layout and design of the entire facility used
5 by the Center for child, adult, and family outreach and support programs.

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

10 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
11 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
12 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
13 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
14 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
15 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
16 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
17 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
18 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence
19 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
20 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
21 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
22 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
23 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
24 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

25 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be
26 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
27 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
28 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
29 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board
30 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none
31 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a
32 purpose prohibited by this Act.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 June 1, 1998.