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1 AN ACT concerning	
2 Creation of a So	tate Debt - Caroline County - Choptank Community Health System, Inc.
 \$75,000, the proceeds to be used a Choptank Community Health Syst or improvement purposes; providing subject to a requirement that the grand providing generally for the iss 	sation of a State Debt not to exceed \$88,000 as a grant to the Board of Directors of the sem, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, ang for disbursement of the loan proceeds, rantee provide and expend a matching fund; uance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan. Y THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 indebtedness on behalf of the State of14 the Caroline County - Choptank Comr15 total principal amount equal to the less	d of Public Works and issued, sold, and through 8-124 of the State Finance and
	idence this loan or installments of this loan may be lidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds d Procurement Article.
` '	ds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling,

- 1 and delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and
- 2 then shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by
- 3 the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
- 4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Choptank
- 5 Community Health System, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for
- 6 the planning, design, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Denton Medical
- 7 Center, located in Denton, Maryland.
- 8 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the
- 9 State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds,
- 10 as and when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15
- 11 years after the date of issuance of the bonds.
- 12 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for
- 13 the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
- 14 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
- 15 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
- 16 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
- 17 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
- 18 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
- 19 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
- 20 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence
- 21 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
- 22 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
- 23 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
- 24 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
- 25 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
- 26 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.
- 27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 28 June 1, 1998.