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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Chesapeake Wildlife Sanctuary Education Facility**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$500,000~~  
4 \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Chesapeake Wildlife  
5 Sanctuary for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes;  
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that  
7 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for  
8 the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Chesapeake  
13 Wildlife Sanctuary Education Facility Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount equal  
14 to the lesser of (i) ~~\$500,000~~ \$150,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided  
15 in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance,  
16 sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the  
17 Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117  
18 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of  
19 the Code.

20 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
21 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
22 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
2 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
3 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
4 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
5 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
6 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Chesapeake Wildlife Sanctuary  
7 (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning, design,  
8 construction, and capital equipping of an educational center for wildlife conservation,  
9 the facility to include classrooms, an auditorium, a library, and a museum, to be  
10 located in Silver Spring and also to be used for in-service training for teachers and for  
11 a day camp.

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

16 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
17 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
18 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
19 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
20 unappropriated. The fund may not consist of real property. The fund may consist of in  
21 kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of  
22 any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may  
23 qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and  
24 the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence  
25 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If  
26 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of  
27 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the  
28 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.  
29 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the  
30 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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