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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Creation of a State Debt - Harford County - Bel Air Youth Center~~ Loan of  
3 1997

4 ~~FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000,~~  
5 ~~the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Town Commissioners of Bel~~  
6 ~~Air for certain planning, design, or construction purposes; providing for~~  
7 ~~disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee~~  
8 ~~provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance~~  
9 ~~and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.~~

10 FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 192 of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
11 1997, the Harford County - Bel Air Youth Center Loan of 1997, to alter the  
12 purposes for which the proceeds of the bonds may be used to include design and  
13 construction.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Chapter 192 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997  
16 Section 1

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Chapter 192 of the Acts of 1997

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That:

1 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
2 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Harford  
3 County—Bel Air Youth Center Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount equal to the  
4 lesser of (i) \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance  
5 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and  
6 delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of  
7 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through  
8 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

9 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
10 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
11 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

12 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
13 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
14 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
15 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
16 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
17 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Town Commissioners of Bel  
18 Air (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning, design, and  
19 construction of the Bel Air Youth Center, which will serve the youth of Harford  
20 County.

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

25 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
26 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
27 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
28 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
29 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds  
30 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount  
31 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
32 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.  
33 The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
34 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is  
35 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to  
36 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching  
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35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
36 June 1, 1998.

