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By: **Delegates Proctor and Vallario**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Melwood - Horticultural**  
3 **Training Center Facilities**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of  
5 \$1,500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the  
6 Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc. for certain acquisition,  
7 development, or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan  
8 proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a  
9 matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds  
10 evidencing the loan.

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

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince  
15 George's County - Melwood - Horticultural Training Center Facilities Loan of 1999 in  
16 the total principal amount of \$1,500,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance,  
17 sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the  
18 Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117  
19 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of  
20 the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
22 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
23 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Melwood  
30 Horticultural Training Center, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee")  
31 for the development of 10 acres of land adjoining the Melwood property on Dower  
32 House Road in Upper Marlboro, including the planning, design, construction, and

1 capital equipping of a new grounds maintenance, storage, and repair facility, as well  
2 as other site improvements, all of which will aid in the training of developmentally  
3 disabled individuals.

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

8 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
9 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
10 matching fund of \$125,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,  
11 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
12 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind  
13 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any  
14 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify  
15 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the  
16 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present evidence  
17 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If  
18 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State  
19 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in  
20 this Act.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 June 1, 1999.