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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Shalom Community Initiative**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of  
4 ~~\$450,000~~ \$225,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the ~~Shalom Community~~  
5 ~~Initiative~~ St. Paul's United Methodist Christian Center for certain development  
6 or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds;  
7 prohibiting the use of the proceeds for sectarian religious purposes; requiring  
8 the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical  
9 Trust; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the  
10 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 Baltimore  
15 City - Shalom Community Initiative Loan of 1999 in the total principal amount of  
16 ~~\$450,000~~ \$225,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of  
17 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public  
18 Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of  
19 the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of 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.

23 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
24 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and

1 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
2 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
3 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the ~~Shalom Community Initiative St.~~  
5 Paul's United Methodist Christian Center for the planning, design, renovation, repair,  
6 reconstruction, and capital equipping of two buildings on North Linwood Avenue in  
7 Baltimore, the first building to serve as a site for Head Start, a senior center, and  
8 community association center, the second building to serve as a site for the Youth  
9 Check Program, a psychosocial model that provides highly technical assistance for  
10 adolescents who have been adjudicated as Children in Need of Assistance (CINA).

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

15 (5) No portion of the proceeds of the loan may be used for the furtherance of  
16 sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the design, acquisition, or  
17 construction of any building used or to be used as a place of sectarian religious  
18 worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or department of divinity  
19 for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board of Public Works, the  
20 grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none of the proceeds of  
21 the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a purpose prohibited  
22 by this Act.

23 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey  
24 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of  
25 its interests:

26 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;  
27 and

28 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic  
29 structures.

30 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust  
31 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

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

