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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

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Creation of a State Debt - Calvert County - Old Wallville School

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$30,000, the

4 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Calvert County Historical Society Friends

5 of the Old Wallville School, Inc. for certain development or improvement

6 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a

7 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; 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 Calvert 15 County - Old Wallville School Loan of 1999 in a total principal amount equal to the 16 lesser of (i) \$30,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance 17 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and 18 delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of 19 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 20 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

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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 <u>Calvert County Historical Society</u> 7 <u>Friends of the Old Wallville School</u>, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the 8 grantee") for the relocation, renovation, repair, construction, reconstruction and 9 capital equipping of the Old Wallville School, the oldest African American school 10 building in Calvert County.

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) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the 16 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either 17 18 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or 19 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind 20 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any 21 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the 22 23 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present evidence 24 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If 25 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of 26 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the 27 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. 28 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the 29 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect. 30 Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey (6)(a) 31 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of 32 its interest: 33 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust; 34 and 35 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic 36 structure. 37

37 (b) The casement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
 38 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

39 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 40 June 1, 1999.

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