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By: **Senator Blount**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - The Randolph A. Carr**  
3 **Educational, Training, and Empowerment Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt ~~in the amount of~~  
5 ~~\$250,000~~ not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board  
6 of Directors of the Rehoboth Church of God in Christ Jesus Apostolic, Inc. for  
7 certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of  
8 the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend  
9 a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the grant for sectarian religious  
10 purposes; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing  
11 the loan.

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

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore  
16 City - The Randolph A. Carr Educational, Training, and Empowerment Center Loan  
17 of 1999 in ~~the~~ a total principal amount ~~of \$250,000~~ equal to the lesser of (i) \$100,000  
18 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5)  
19 below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general  
20 obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued,  
21 sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance  
22 and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

23 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
24 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
25 § 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 Board of Directors of the Rehoboth  
7 Church of God in Christ Jesus Apostolic, Inc. for the planning, design, repair,  
8 renovation, construction, reconstruction and capital equipping of the first three floors  
9 of a building located at 2922 Arunah Avenue in Baltimore which will house an after  
10 school program, a GED Program, an HIV/AIDS education and counseling program, a  
11 job counseling and placement program, a parenting program, and a state of the art  
12 computer education and training lab.

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

17 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
18 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
19 matching fund of \$125,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,  
20 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
21 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind  
22 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any  
23 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify  
24 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the  
25 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present evidence  
26 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If  
27 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State  
28 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in  
29 this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund  
30 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

31 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be  
32 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the  
33 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of  
34 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or  
35 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board  
36 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none  
37 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a  
38 purpose prohibited by this Act.

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

