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By: **Senators Blount, Kelley, and Mitchell**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - The Eubie Blake National Jazz**
3 **Institute and Cultural Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,200,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Eubie Blake
6 National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center for certain development or
7 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject
8 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and
9 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore
14 City - The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center Loan of 1999 in
15 a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$1,200,000 or (ii) the amount of the
16 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be
17 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
18 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
19 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
20 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of 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 Eubie Blake
30 National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the
31 grantee") for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, construction, and capital
32 equipping of a building on North Howard Street in Baltimore City to be named in

1 honor of Eubie Blake and to be used as a modern performing arts center that would be
2 a home for the work of minority artists and would provide area residents with classes
3 and activities in the arts.

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. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
11 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
12 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds
13 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. The matching fund may consist of real
14 property. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money
15 or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine
16 the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to
17 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will
18 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
19 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
20 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
21 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
22 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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