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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - Community Center at**
3 **Woods**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Woods Community
6 Center, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for
7 disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee
8 provide and expend a matching fund; providing that no proceeds of a loan or any
9 matching funds may be used for religious purposes; and providing generally for
10 the issuance and sale of bonds 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 Anne Arundel
15 County - Community Center at Woods Loan of 2000 in a total principal amount equal
16 to the lesser of (i) \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
17 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
18 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
19 of 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.

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

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 Board of Directors of Woods
5 Community Center, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
6 planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Community
7 Center at Woods, located in Severna Park, Maryland.

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

12 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
13 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
14 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
15 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
16 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind
17 contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of
18 this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money
19 or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine
20 the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to
21 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will
22 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
23 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
24 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
25 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
26 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 June 1, 2000.

