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By: **Senators Hooper and Baker** Introduced and read first time: February 28, 2000 Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Creation of a State Debt - Cecil County - The Boys and Girls Clubs of Cecil County, Inc.

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000,

5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Boys and

6 Girls Clubs of Cecil County, Inc. for certain development or improvement

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

8 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and

9 generally providing 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 Cecil County 14 - The Boys and Girls Clubs of Cecil County, Inc. Loan of 2000 in a total principal 15 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund 16 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the 17 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a 18 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance 19 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and 20 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.

(3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Boys and Girls Clubs of Cecil County, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a site in Cecil County to house a Boys and Girls Club.

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1 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in

2 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and

3 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years

4 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

5 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the 6 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a

7 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either

8 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or

9 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds

10 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount

11 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the

12 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.

13 The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of

14 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is

15 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to

16 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching

17 fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan 18 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works

19 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 21 June 1, 2000.

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