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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Ebenezer Community**
3 **Life Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~
5 \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of
6 Ebenezer Community Development Corporation 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;
9 prohibiting the use of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds and the matching
10 fund for religious purposes; etc.

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 Prince
15 George's County - Ebenezer Community Life Center Loan of 2001 in a total principal
16 amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$200,000 or (ii) the amount of the
17 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be
18 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
19 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
20 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
21 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
23 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
24 § 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 Ebenezer
7 Community Development Corporation (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the
8 grantee") for the design, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of two
9 existing buildings on Whitfield Chapel Road in Lanham, and the design and
10 construction and capital equipping of a new wing, to serve as a mixed educational,
11 administrative, and fellowship complex.

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

16 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
17 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
18 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
19 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
20 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions. The fund
21 may consist of real property and funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.
22 In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets
23 may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter
24 and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present
25 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be
26 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
27 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
28 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
29 in 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, 2001.

