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ENROLLED BILL
-- Appropriations/Budget and Taxation --

Introduced by **Delegates Bozman, Conway, and McClenahan**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Worcester County - Worcester County**
3 **Development Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$600,000~~
5 ~~\$380,000~~ \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County
6 Commissioners of Worcester County 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 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 Worcester
14 County - Worcester County Development Center Loan of 2001 in a total principal
15 amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$600,000~~ ~~\$380,000~~ \$300,000 or (ii) the amount of the
16 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be

1 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
2 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
3 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
4 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

5 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
6 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
7 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

8 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
9 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
10 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
11 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
12 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
13 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of
14 Worcester County (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning,
15 design, construction, and capital equipping of a new building in Berlin, Maryland for
16 the Worcester County Development Center.

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

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

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
37 June 1, 2001.

