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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Maryland 4-H Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
4 \$820,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the
5 Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement
6 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a
7 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and
8 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Maryland
13 4-H Facilities Loan of 2001 in the total principal amount of \$820,000. This loan shall
14 be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
15 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
16 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
17 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

18 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
19 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
20 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

21 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
22 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
23 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
24 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
25 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
26 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland
27 4-H Foundation, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
28 construction, renovation, and capital equipping of facilities at the following 4-H
29 educational camping locations:

- 1 Prince George's County - Patuxent River 4-H Center
2 - construction of cabin interior including basement
- 3 Harford County 4-H Camp at The Rocks
4 - design, construction, and capital equipping of multipurpose building
- 5 Garrett County - Western Maryland 4-H Center
6 - renovation of buildings to allow year-round programming
- 7 Dorchester County - Thendara 4-H Center
8 - renovation and capital equipping of Center's main building

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

13 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
14 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
15 matching fund of \$246,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,
16 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
17 unappropriated. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of
18 this Act, real property, and in-kind contributions. In case of any dispute as to the
19 amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds,
20 the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is
21 final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present evidence satisfactory to the
22 Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence
23 is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds
24 of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.

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