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By: **Senators Hollinger, Blount, Bromwell, Collins, Conway, Della, Harris,  
Hoffman, Hughes, Kelley, McFadden, Mitchell, Sfikas, and Stone**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - The Wellness**  
3 **Community-Baltimore - Janet L. Hoffman Building**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$750,000,  
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Wellness  
6 Community-Baltimore, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes;  
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that  
8 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for  
9 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 Baltimore  
14 County - The Wellness Community-Baltimore - Janet L. Hoffman Building Loan of  
15 2001 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$750,000 or (ii) the amount  
16 of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall  
17 be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds  
18 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and  
19 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and  
20 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  
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Wellness  
30 Community-Baltimore, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
31 acquisition of property for, and for the planning, design, construction, and capital

1 equipping of a building in Baltimore County for use as a professional oncology support  
2 facility for The Wellness Community-Baltimore, a free support program for cancer  
3 patients that has been in operation in Baltimore since 1993 and that has served over  
4 36,000 patients.

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

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

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