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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Volunteer and Training**
3 **Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the National
6 Center for Children and Families 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; prohibiting
9 the use of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds or the matching fund for
10 sectarian religious purposes; and providing generally for the issuance and sale
11 of bonds evidencing the loan.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Montgomery
16 County - Volunteer and Training Center Loan of 2003 in a total principal amount
17 equal to the lesser of (i) \$350,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
18 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
19 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
20 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
21 8-124 of the State Finance and 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.

25 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
26 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
27 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
28 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
29 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
30 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the National
31 Center for Children and Families (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee")
32 for the construction and renovation of a state-of-the-art, computerized school and

1 library, a hub for training and mentor services and activities, space for the mental
2 health treatment team, a training and conference facility, a center for the recycling
3 and distribution of in kind donations, and space for conferences and administration,
4 located at 6301 Greentree Road in Bethesda.

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. The fund may
14 consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this
15 Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or
16 assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the
17 matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2005, to
18 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will
19 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
20 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
21 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
22 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
23 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

24 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be
25 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
26 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
27 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
28 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board
29 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none
30 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a
31 purpose prohibited by this Act.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 June 1, 2003.