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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Lone Oak

- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000,
- 4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of CHI Centers, Inc.
- 5 for certain development or improvement purposes of the Lone Oak facility
- 6 located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds,
- 7 subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;
- 8 establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds;
- 9 and 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 Montgomery
- 14 County Lone Oak Loan of 2004 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)
- 15 \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section
- 16 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State
- 17 general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and
- 18 issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State
- 19 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.
- 20 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
- 21 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
- 22 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- 23 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
- 24 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
- 25 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
- 26 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
- 27 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
- 28 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of CHI Centers,
- 29 Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning, design, repair,
- 30 renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Lone Oak facility, located in
- 31 Montgomery County.

- 1 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in 2 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and 3 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years 4 after the date of issuance of the bonds.
- 5 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the 6 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
- 7 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
- 8 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
- 9 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds
- 10 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount
- 11 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the
- 12 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.
- 13 The grantee has until June 1, 2006, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of
- 14 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is
- 15 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to
- 16 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching
- 17 fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan
- 18 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works
- 19 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.
- 20 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of
- 21 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2011. If any
- 22 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2011,
- 23 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
- 24 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
- 25 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in §
- 26 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- 27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 28 effect June 1, 2004.