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By: **Senator Britt (By Request)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Life Skills Center for**  
3 **Youth and Community Development**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of  
5 \$1,800,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the  
6 End Time Harvest Ministries 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; establishing a deadline for the  
9 encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; prohibiting the use of the loan  
10 proceeds or the matching fund from being used for sectarian religious purposes;  
11 and providing generally for the issuance and sale 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 Prince  
16 George's County - Life Skills Center for Youth and Community Development Loan of  
17 2004 in the total principal amount of \$1,800,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the  
18 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a  
19 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance  
20 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and  
21 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 Directors of the End Time  
31 Harvest Ministries (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
32 acquisition, planning, repair, and renovation of the Life Skills Center for Youth and

1 Community Development, a facility that will provide low income youth and adults  
2 with business, academic, technology and life skills, located in New Carrollton.

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

7 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
8 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
9 matching fund of \$110,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,  
10 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
11 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind  
12 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any  
13 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify  
14 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the  
15 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2006, to present evidence  
16 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If  
17 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State  
18 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in  
19 this Act.

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

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
36 effect June 1, 2004.