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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Old Blair High School**  
3 **Auditorium**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000,  
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National  
6 Council for the Traditional Arts, Inc. 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; establishing  
9 a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and  
10 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Montgomery  
15 County - Old Blair High School Auditorium Loan of 2005 in a total principal amount  
16 equal to the lesser of (i) \$1,000,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided  
17 in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance,  
18 sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the  
19 Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117  
20 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of  
21 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 National  
31 Council for the Traditional Arts, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the

1 grantee") for the repair, renovation, construction, reconstruction, and capital  
2 equipping of the Old Blair High School auditorium located in Silver Spring.

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. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
10 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
11 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or funds expended  
12 prior to the effective date of this Act. The fund may consist of in-kind contributions.  
13 In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets  
14 may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter  
15 and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2007, to present  
16 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be  
17 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
18 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
19 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided  
20 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund  
21 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

22 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the  
23 Board of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1,  
24 2012. If any funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after  
25 June 1, 2012, the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be  
26 canceled and be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the  
27 amount of unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as  
28 provided in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
30 effect June 1, 2005.