
By: **Senator Exum**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Grace Center for**
3 **Community and Economic Development**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
5 \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The
6 Place of Grace Foundation, 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 Prince
15 George's County - Grace Center for Community and Economic Development Loan of
16 2006 in the total principal amount of \$500,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the
17 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
18 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
19 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
20 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 Directors of The Place of
30 Grace Foundation, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
31 acquisition, planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the Grace Center
32 for Community and Economic Development, to be located in Capitol Heights.

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 of \$250,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,
8 either 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, 2008, 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 to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of
16 the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.

17 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of
18 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2013. If any
19 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1,
20 2013, the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be
21 canceled and be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the
22 amount of unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as
23 provided in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 June 1, 2006.