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By: Howard County Senators

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

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- 2 Creation of a State Debt Howard County Grassroots Crisis Intervention
- 3 Center 4 Ho. Co. 17-06
- 5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000,
- 6 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council
- 7 of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing
- 8 for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee
- 9 provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the
- 10 encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; 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 Howard
- 16 County Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center Loan of 2006 in a total principal
- 17 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund
- 18 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the
- 19 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
- 20 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
- 21 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
- 22 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.
- 23 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
- 24 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
- 25 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- 26 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
- 27 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
- 28 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
- 29 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
- 30 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
- 31 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the County Executive and County Council

- 1 of Howard County (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning,
- 2 design, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of an emergency
- 3 shelter operated by the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, located in Columbia.
- 4 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in
- 5 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and
- 6 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years 7 after the date of issuance of the bonds.
- 8 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
- 9 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
- 10 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
- 11 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
- 12 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds
- 13 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount
- 14 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the
- 15 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.
- 16 The grantee has until June 1, 2008, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of
- 17 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is
- 18 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to
- 19 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching
- 20 fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan
- 21 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works
- 22 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.
- 23 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of
- 24 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2013. If any
- 25 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1,
- 26 2013, the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be
- 27 canceled and be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the
- 28 amount of unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as
- 29 provided in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- 30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 31 June 1, 2006.