

HOUSE BILL 511

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Children’s Theatre of**
3 **Annapolis**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$225,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Children’s
6 Theatre of Annapolis, Inc. 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; and providing generally for
10 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 Anne Arundel
15 County – Children’s Theatre of Annapolis Loan of 2007 in a total principal amount
16 equal to the lesser of (i) \$225,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
17 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
18 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
19 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through
20 8–124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold
2 as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds
3 under § 8–122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

4 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
5 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
6 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
7 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
8 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
9 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Children's
10 Theatre of Annapolis, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
11 design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of a theater complex and an
12 educational facility to be used by the Children's Theatre of Annapolis, located in
13 Annapolis.

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

18 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
19 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
20 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
21 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
22 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property. The fund may
23 consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this
24 Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or
25 assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the
26 matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2009, to present
27 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be
28 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the
29 amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
30 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
31 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
32 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

33 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
34 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2014. If any
35 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2014,
36 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
37 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
38 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in §
39 8–129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2007.