

HOUSE BILL 157

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By: **Delegates Tarrant and Robinson**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – The Trinity Family Life Center**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
4 \$430,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The
5 Trinity Family Life Center, Inc. for certain development or improvement
6 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a
7 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting
8 the loan proceeds or the matching fund from being used for sectarian religious
9 purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the
10 loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
11 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 Baltimore
16 City – The Trinity Family Life Center Loan of 2008 in the total principal amount of
17 \$430,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State
18 general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and
19 issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 of the State
20 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold
22 as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds
23 under § 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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
2 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Trinity
3 Family Life Center, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
4 design, renovation, and reconstruction of a community center to offer medical referral
5 services, family counseling, tutorial services, and other services to the community,
6 located in Baltimore City.

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

11 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
12 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
13 matching fund of \$215,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,
14 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
15 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of funds expended prior to the
16 effective date of this Act. The fund may consist of real property or in kind
17 contributions. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what
18 money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall
19 determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,
20 2010, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching
21 fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this
22 fact to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the
23 purposes provided in this Act.

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

32 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
33 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2015. If any
34 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2015,
35 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
36 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
37 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in
38 § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

39 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
40 June 1, 2008.