

(I) \$6,000 THAT A PARENT INCURS IN THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD WHOM THE STATE DETERMINES IS A CHILD WITH A SPECIAL NEED, AS DESCRIBED IN § 473(C)(1) AND (2) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, IF THE ADOPTION IS MADE THROUGH A PRIVATE, NOT FOR PROFIT, LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCY OR A PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE AGENCY; AND

(II) \$5,000 THAT A PARENT INCURS IN THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD WITHOUT A SPECIAL NEED AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM; AND

(2) IF THE CHILD IS NOT A STATE RESIDENT AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION, reasonable and necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, and other expenses not exceeding:

(1) (I) ~~[\$3,000]-\$6,000~~ that a parent incurs in the adoption of a child whom the State determines is a child with a special need, as described in § 473(c)(1) and (2) of the Social Security Act, if the adoption is made through a private, not for profit, licensed adoption agency, or a public child welfare agency; and

(2) (II) ~~[\$2,000]-\$5,000~~ that a parent incurs in the adoption of a child without a special need as provided under ~~item (I) of this subsection~~ SUBITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000 and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999.

Approved May 18, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 518**

**(Senate Bill 326)**

AN ACT concerning

**Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Prince George's Hospital Center, Inc.**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Prince George's Hospital, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince George's County - Prince George's Hospital Center, Inc. Loan of 2000 in a total