- (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of issuance of the bonds.
- (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 550

(Senate Bill 671)

AN ACT concerning

Child Welfare - Integration of Child Welfare and Substance Abuse Treatment Services

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, after consultation with certain persons, to develop a statewide protocol for integrating child welfare and substance abuse treatment services; specifying the elements to be included in the protocol; requiring a court to order substance abuse assessment and testing under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue certain reports; expressing the intent of the General Assembly about spending levels; requiring the Governor, under certain circumstances, to include certain amounts in the annual State budget in certain fiscal years for certain purposes and requiring a certain maintenance of effort; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to explore the use of excess hospital beds and to locate new substance abuse treatment programs; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to consider the recommendations developed by a