

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Bond Bill

House Bill 1256 (Delegate Edwards)
Appropriations

**Garrett County - Glendale Bridge Loan of 1986, Glendale Bridge Loan of 1988, and
Garrett County - Glendale Bridge Loan of 1995**

This emergency bill amends the Glendale Bridge Loan of 1986, the Glendale Bridge Loan of 1988 and the Garrett County - Glendale Bridge Loan of 1995 by allowing the grantees to use funds received from the State in lieu of a federal grant for the replacement/rehabilitation of the Glendale Bridge, as a match for State grants.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Allowing the grantees to use federal funds assigned to the State in connection with the Glendale Bridge project as part of their matching funds would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: Garrett County expenditures would decrease by \$800,000 as discussed below.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: In 1989 the State Department of Transportation agreed to advance Garrett County \$1,918,707 for the Glendale Bridge project in order to expedite the project. When the federal funds were received, they were used to reimburse the State for the funds advanced to the county. Because the county received State funds, absent this legislation those funds cannot be used to match State grants made in the Glendale Bridge Loans of 1986, 1988 and 1995 because those loans prohibit State funds, whether appropriated or unappropriated, from being used as part of the county match. Had the county received the federal funds directly, which would have occurred absent the agreement with the State to expedite the project, the

funds would be eligible to match the State grants. Thus, the net effect of this bill is that Garrett County expenditures would decrease by \$800,000, the total amount of the match requirements, as the federal funds received would more than match the amount the county would have had to provide as a match to the State grants. This legislation removes the barrier against using these funds to match the State grants.

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