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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 891

(Senator Astle)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2004 - Anne Arundel County -
Carrie Weedon Science Center**

This bill specifies that funds appropriated to the Board of Directors of the Carrie Weedon Science Center Foundation, Inc. in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2004 may be used for the repair, renovation, construction, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Carrie Weedon Science Center, including the replacement of the windows and the installation of a heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Altering the authorized uses of funds would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: This bill would not affect the finances or operations of Anne Arundel County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 204 of 2003, as amended by Chapter 432 of 2004, authorized up to \$25,000 in matching funds for the replacement of the well, storage tank, plumbing equipment, and windows of the Carrie Weedon Science Center in Galesville. The

grantee was required to present evidence that the required matching fund would be provided by June 1, 2006.

Background: The Carrie Weedon Science Center Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that hosts science field trips for children in grades one through five, with programming designed to complement the curriculum of Anne Arundel County Public Schools. The Anne Arundel County Board of Education has assisted with renovations to the center, satisfying certain requirements for a 1999 grant to the center.

The Board of Public Works has certified matching funds for a portion of the 2004 grant. The expansion of authorized uses is intended to reflect the authorized uses identified in the 1999 grant and make eligible for consideration additional resources provided by the board of education.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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