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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 911 (Senator Gladden)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 - Baltimore City - Swann Avenue Firehouse

This bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2012, to June 1, 2014 – for the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore, as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Swann Avenue Firehouse project as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010. The bill also specifies that the grant may not terminate before June 1, 2014.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Absent the bill, Baltimore City could lose access to \$75,000 in matching funds.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 483 of 2010 (SB 142) authorized up to \$75,000 in matching funds to the Baltimore City Fire Department for the repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Swann Avenue Firehouse, located in Baltimore City. Matching funds may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, and funds expended prior to the June 1, 2010 effective date of Chapter 483. If any funds remain unexpended or

unencumbered after June 1, 2012, the amount of the unexpended or unencumbered authorization must be canceled.

Background: The Swann Avenue Fire Station has severely dilapidated conditions both inside and outside. The exterior paint is chipping, and the doors and windows at the firehouse are drafty; they are probably the originals installed almost 90 years ago. In addition, the kitchen is run-down, and the sink drains and toilets often clog. An open spiral staircase in the kitchen (that leads to the furnace in the basement) allows soot to rise into the kitchen area, making it an unsanitary environment for food preparation and consumption. The city hopes to eliminate that open staircase and replace it with a staircase in another location. The project was delayed due to the city trying to navigate the historic easement process. The change in the name of the grantee is technical.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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