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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1059 (Senator DeGrange)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2010, 2012, and 2013 - Maryland
Historical Trust Easements**

This bill establishes that the Board of Trustees of Goucher College and Board of Directors of the Fashion, Architecture and Basic Design School, Inc. may not be required to grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) perpetual preservation easements on any interest in land or other structures except the structures that benefit from specified grants established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2010, 2012, and 2013.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill does not affect local governmental operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2010, 2012, and 2013 contained an overarching provision that requires a grantee of a bond loan to grant and convey a perpetual preservation easement to MHT, unless MHT determines otherwise.

Goucher College – 2010: Chapter 483 of 2010 (the fiscal 2011 capital budget) authorized up to \$3,000,000 in matching funds to the Board of Trustees of Goucher

College, as grantee, for the planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Julia Rogers Library on the Goucher College campus. The grantee had until June 1, 2012, to present evidence to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund would be provided. Matching funds could consist of funds expended prior to the June 1, 2010 effective date of Chapter 483. Matching funds could not consist of real property or in-kind contributions. The proceeds of the loan had to be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2012. If any funds remained unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2012, the amount of unexpended or unencumbered authorizations had to be cancelled.

Baltimore Design School – 2012: Chapter 444 of 2012 (the fiscal 2013 capital budget) authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Fashion, Architecture and Basic Design School, Inc., as grantee, for the planning, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Design School, located in Baltimore City. The grantee has until June 1, 2014, to present evidence to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2012 effective date of Chapter 444. The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by December 1, 2015. If any funds remain unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2015, the amount of unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled.

Baltimore Design School – 2013: Chapter 424 of 2013 (the fiscal 2014 capital budget) authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Fashion, Architecture and Basic Design School, Inc., as grantee, for the construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Design School, located in Baltimore City. The grantee has until June 1, 2015, to present evidence to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2013 effective date of Chapter 424. The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2020. If any funds remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2020, the amount of unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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