

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1267 (Delegate Rawlings, et al.)
Appropriations

Referred to Budget and Taxation

Maryland Stadium Authority

This enrolled bill prohibits the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) from entering into a lease with a professional football team unless the football team agrees to reimburse the Authority for \$24 million of the cost of the stadium, including the construction, fitting out, and furnishings of the private suites. The terms and conditions of the reimbursement will be determined by the Authority.

MSA is required to pay \$24 million into a special fund for school construction with annual payments of \$2.4 million beginning in fiscal 2001 through fiscal 2010. A special fund for school construction is established. The proceeds of the fund will be appropriated in the budget and projects will be determined by the Interagency Committee for School Construction subject to approval of the Board of Public Works. The bill restricts the placement of a dome on a stadium at Camden Yards and the placement of a Major League baseball team at a stadium other than Camden Yards.

The bill is effective June 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MSA's costs for constructing the new football stadium in Baltimore City would decrease by \$24 million. MSA would transfer \$2.4 million annually to the special fund for school construction during FY 2001-2010.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: MSA plans to spend \$200 million to construct a new football stadium at Camden Yards in Baltimore City. By requiring the football team to repay the \$24 million, overall State expenditures for stadium construction would decrease by \$24 million. MSA would determine the terms and conditions of the reimbursement. At present, it is not anticipated that the reimbursement would be paid in one lump sum. Therefore, MSA would still have to spend the \$200 million to construct the facilities, and the \$24 million would be reimbursed over a period of time, not to exceed 30 years (the term of the team's lease).

MSA expenditures would also increase by \$2.4 million per year during fiscal 2001-2010, which represents the required annual contribution to the special fund for school construction. Over the 10-year period, MSA would contribute \$24 million to the school construction fund, which would be appropriated annually in the budget.

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