Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 647 (Senator Haines) (Carroll County Delegation)

Budget and Taxation   Referred to Appropriations

Carroll County - Public Facilities Bonds

This amended bill authorizes the Carroll County Commissioners to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding $15 million for public works projects, public school buildings, community college buildings, public safety facilities, health and social service facilities, library facilities, refuse disposal facilities, and parks and recreational facilities. In addition, the proceeds may be used to acquire land and interest in land. The maturity date of the bonds may not exceed 30 years.

The bill is effective June 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County would receive up to $15 million in bond proceeds for various capital projects. County debt service expenditures would increase by a maximum of $1.2 million annually.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Carroll County revenues could increase by an amount not exceeding $15 million due to the bond proceeds. As of June 30, 1994, the county had $127.0 million of outstanding debt. Carroll County currently has an AA/Aa credit rating. The interest rate for AA rated 20-year bonds is 5.35%. Assuming the county issues bonds of $15 million, the county's annual debt service costs on these issues would be $1.2 million. One cent on the county's property tax rate yields approximately $323,847 in fiscal 1997. As a result, this expenditure increase is equivalent to $0.0383 on the county's property tax rate.

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