

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Bond Bill**

Senate Bill 656 (Senator Forehand)  
Budget and Taxation

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**Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Georgetown Oaks Child Care  
Center  
(\$350,000)**

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This bill provides \$350,000 in State bond proceeds as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Oaks Child Care Center, Inc. to plan, design, construct, equip, and furnish a building that will serve as a private nonprofit arts and child care center for both able-bodied and developmentally disabled children.

The board of directors must provide matching funds by June 1, 1999. The matching funds may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this bill. The board must also adopt a policy of the acceptance of all children to the facilities of the center on a first come first served basis for the purpose of giving to the residents of all the subdivisions in the State assurance of equal access to the use of the facilities of the center.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** This \$350,000 bond authorization would be part of the total \$415 million general obligation debt authorization for FY 1998 as recommended by the Capital Debt Affordability Committee. State debt service costs on the \$415 million would be a maximum of \$43.9 million annually based on an interest rate of 4.90%.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** This bond bill would be part of the annual State capital program. Each year, the State approves a program of general obligation bond funded capital spending. The fiscal 1998 funding totals \$415 million, an amount consistent with the level of funding authorized in prior years. The State's capital program contributes to the construction industry in Maryland, which includes many small businesses. In 1995, the total value of non-residential building construction contracts in Maryland was \$1.8 billion. The fiscal 1998 capital program will continue the State's contribution to the construction industry in Maryland but because it is only \$15 million over the fiscal 1997 level, it will not add substantially to it.

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