

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Bond Bill

Senate Bill 188 (Senator Blount, *et al.*)  
Budget and Taxation

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**Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc. - Family Support Center (\$800,000)**

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This bill provides \$800,000 in State bond proceeds as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc. to acquire, renovate, rehabilitate, repair, and equip property located at 3515 Dolfield Avenue in Baltimore City. The property will be used as the Ivy Support Center, a family support center that will present educational, health, recreational, family living, and organizational programs and activities for the community.

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore must provide matching funds by June 1, 1999. The matching funds may consist of real property.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** This \$800,000 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:** Baltimore City expenditures would increase by \$800,000.

**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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