

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 351 (Senator Hoffman. *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

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**Office on Aging - Senior Citizen Activities Centers - Grants**

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This bill increases from \$300,000 to \$600,000 the limit for State capital improvement grants awarded by the Office on Aging to local governments for senior citizen activities center development. Current law provides that a State grant for a project may not be more than \$300,000, or 50% of the cost of eligible work remaining unpaid after federal funds have been applied, whichever is less. The 50% limit still applies under the bill. The bill declares the intent of the General Assembly that the State appropriation for senior center grants include an appropriate level of funding so that the number of senior citizen center projects funded each year is not affected by increasing the cap.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The total amount of State capital debt will not increase, but the allocation among projects could change if the amount allocated to the senior citizen activities center capital improvement grants increases.

**Local Effect:** Local government contributions to senior citizen activities center capital improvements could decrease if the State's contribution increases.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** The annual capital improvement request for senior citizen activities center development could increase by a significant amount. The capital improvement request from local governments for fiscal 1999 totals \$721,000. If the maximum grant amount were increased from \$300,000 to \$600,000, it is possible that future year grant amounts could double to \$1.4 million, assuming that the Office on Aging awards the same number of grants as in prior years and that the 50% limit on project costs remaining after federal funds have been applied is not triggered. The State sells general obligation bonds to support its capital improvement program. The total amount of State capital debt will not increase, but the allocation among projects statewide could change if the amount allocated to the senior citizen activities center capital improvement grants increases.

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