

Department of Legislative Services
 Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1349 (Delegate Exum)

Appropriations

Maryland Stadium Authority - Termination

This bill terminates the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) and transfers its administrative functions, powers, and duties to the Board of Public Works (BPW) on the date construction of the professional football stadium at Camden Yards is complete. The bill specifies that any transaction entered into before the bill’s effective date remains valid. Other duties and responsibilities must continue until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed. The bill specifies that any reference to the former MSA shall be deemed to be a reference to BPW and that all positions with the former MSA are abolished.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential decrease in expenditures for the Camden Station Development program, the Montgomery County Conference Center, and any future projects. Other current MSA expenditures would continue under the Board of Public Works. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The bill specifies that upon termination of MSA, any appropriation would not revert to the general fund, but rather would be made available to BPW. The Governor’s proposed \$75.2 million fiscal 1999 budget for MSA is summarized in **Exhibit 1**. While MSA’s 66.6 positions would be eliminated, it is assumed that in future years BPW would receive rent revenues from the stadiums and warehouse at Camden Yards to cover

costs of managing of the stadiums and warehouse.

MSA advises that the \$2 million in the fiscal 1999 allowance for the Camden Station Development would be eliminated since there is no formal agreement in place yet. However, it is possible that BPW would continue the project as planned. In addition, since the bonds have not yet been issued for the Montgomery County Conference Center, the status of the State's involvement in that project would be uncertain as well. To the extent that these projects and any future projects are not undertaken by BPW, State expenditures would decrease.

Other MSA expenditures would continue under BPW, including the obligations to: (1) operate and maintain the stadiums and warehouse at Camden Yards; (2) pay the debt service on bonds for Camden Yards, the Baltimore Convention Center, and the Ocean City Convention Center; and (3) fund a portion of the operating deficits at the Baltimore and Ocean City Convention Centers.

Additional Comments: The bill specifies that MSA be terminated upon completion of the construction of the football stadium at Camden Yards and that the construction shall be deemed to be completed no later than the date on which the first professional football game is played at the stadium. While the bill's effective date is October 1, 1998, MSA advises that the date of the first scheduled professional football game is August 8, 1998.

Exhibit 1

Maryland Stadium Authority - Fiscal 1999 Allowance

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>
Capital Program		
Camden Yards Debt Service	\$19,012,553	lottery revenues, Baltimore City grant
Football Construction	20,115,000	bonds, revenue, lottery funds
Camden Station Development	2,000,000	revenue, lottery funds
Management		
Oriole Park, Ravens Stadium, and Warehouse Operations	13,487,331	Orioles rent, Ravens reimbursement, admissions tax, warehouse lease payments
Stadium Authority Administration	1,808,255	project revenues
Other Projects		
Baltimore Convention Center	9,047,685	general funds
Ocean City Convention Center	2,343,988	general funds
Montgomery County Conf. Center	7,408,690	bonds, general funds
TOTAL	\$75,223,502	

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