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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1057 (Delegate Eckardt. *et al.*)

Appropriations

Dorchester County - Public School Capital Improvement Bonds

This bill authorizes the Dorchester County Commissioners to issue up to \$2.8 million in general obligation bonds in order to finance the costs of public school capital improvements.

The bill is effective June 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Dorchester County would receive up to \$2.8 million in bond proceeds for public school capital improvement projects. County debt service expenditures could increase by an estimated \$267,938 annually.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Dorchester County revenues could increase by up to \$2.8 million due to the bond proceeds. As of June 30, 1998, the county had \$21.0 million in outstanding debt. The county currently has an A\A2 credit rating. The interest rate for A rated 15-year bonds is estimated at 4.9%. Assuming the county issues \$2.8 million in bonds, the county's annual debt service costs on these bonds would be \$267,938.

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