

Department of Legislative Services  
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FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 53 (Delegate James. *et al.*)

Appropriations

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**Harford County - Ripken Museum Loan of 1998**

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This bill changes the name of the State loan in Chapter 158 of 1998 from Harford County - The Ripken Stadium Loan of 1998 to Harford County - The Ripken Museum Loan of 1998. The bill changes the grantee from the Mayor and City Council of the City of Aberdeen to the Board of Directors of the Ripken Museum, Inc. The bill changes the purpose of the loan to the acquisition of a building in Aberdeen to be used as a museum, administrative offices, and the storage of memorabilia. The bill provides that the matching fund may consist of real property. The bill extends the deadline, from October 1, 1998 to June 1, 2002, for the provision of matching funds of up to \$200,000 for the project. The bill repeals provisions of Chapter 158 relating to a joint letter of commitment from the city and the county.

The bill is effective June 1, 2000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Changing the purpose, the location, the grantee, and the deadline for the provision of the matching funds will not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** Minimal effect on Harford County and the City of Aberdeen.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal effect on one small nonprofit entity.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 158 of 1998 authorized up to \$200,000 in matching funds for the planning and design of a new baseball stadium in the City of Aberdeen in Harford County to be named the Ripken Stadium in honor of the Ripken family. The city must provide \$100,000 of the matching fund, and Harford County must provide the other \$100,000.

The city and the county must provide a joint letter of commitment to the Board of Public Works stating the intent of the city to provide \$900,000 and the intent of the county to provide \$1,900,000 as a grant to the city to be pledged toward the cost of constructing and equipping the stadium.

**Background:** To date, the museum's board has received pledges totaling \$125,000 for the project, \$100,000 from the City of Aberdeen, and \$25,000 from Harford County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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