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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 563 (Harford County Senators)

Budget and Taxation

Harford County - The Ripken Stadium Loan of 1998

This bill extends the deadline from October 1, 1998 to June 1, 2002 by which the Mayor and City Council of Aberdeen and the County Executive and County Council of Harford County must provide matching funds of up to \$200,000 for the Ripken Stadium Loan of 1998.

The bill is effective June 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Extending the deadline for the provision of the matching funds would not directly affect State finances.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

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: Although they had not done so as of October 1, 1998, the City of Aberdeen and Harford County have now met the funding requirements for the project's match. The proposed fiscal 2001 budget includes \$3 million for the Ripken Stadium and Youth Baseball Academy.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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