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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 873 (Senators Hooper and Jacobs)

Budget and Taxation

Harford County -
Senator William Amoss Agricultural Education Project Loan of 1998

This bill changes the location of the project for the Senator William Amoss Agricultural Education Project Loan of 1998 from Swan Harbor Farm in Harvre de Grace to Harford County. The bill extends the date, from June 1, 2000, to June 1, 2001, by which the Board of Directors of the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation must provide matching funds of up to \$100,000 for the project.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Changing the location of the project and extending the deadline for the provision of the matching funds would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on one nonprofit entity.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 189 of 1998 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds for the planning, design, repair, renovation, reconstruction, construction, and capital equipping of classroom and office facilities at Swan Harbor Farm in Harvre de Grace.

Background: The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF) is a nonprofit organization intended to promote and enhance the understanding and appreciation of the importance of agriculture in daily life. MAEF conducts an educational program directed at teachers and students from kindergarten through college.

The Swan Harbor Farm location was found to be unsuitable for construction. MAEF is in the process of obtaining a suitable location. The Board of Public Works approved the matching funds for this project on March 8, 2000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1380 (Harford County Delegation) - Appropriations.

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