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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 528 (Delegates McHale and Cole)
Appropriations

Baltimore City - Fort McHenry - Education and Visitors Center Loan of 1996

This bill extends the deadline from June 1, 2000 to June 1, 2002 for the Board of Directors of the Patriots of Fort McHenry, Inc. to provide matching funds of up to \$500,000 for the Fort McHenry Education and Visitors Center Loan of 1996.

The bill is effective June 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Extending the deadline for the provision of the matching funds would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None. Baltimore City does not provide funding for this project in its capital plan.

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

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 123 of 1996 authorized up to \$500,000 in matching funds for the planning, design, construction, and equipping of an education and visitors center at Fort McHenry. Chapter 26 of 1998 extended the deadline to provide matching funds from June 1, 1998 to June 1, 2000.

Background: The Patriots of Fort McHenry, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Fort McHenry. The Patriots provide living history and educational programs; publish and distribute educational materials; provide scientific and historical research; and support the restoration, preservation, and development of the facilities at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

The total project cost for the center is expected to be \$6 million. To date, the Patriots have raised \$25,000 toward the required match. The Patriots expect to raise the remainder of the match after acquisition of a site for the center immediately adjacent to Fort McHenry later this year. The Patriots also expect \$5 million in federal and other private funds to complete the project.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 193 (Senator Della) - Budget and Taxation.

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