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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 900 (Senator Lawlah)
 Budget and Taxation

Capital Budget - Fiscal Year 2004 - Oxon Hill Senior High School

This bill requires the Governor to include in the fiscal 2004 State capital budget sufficient funding for the planning and design of a new Oxon Hill Senior High School to replace the existing facility in Prince George’s County. The Prince George’s County Board of Education must include reconstruction of Oxon Hill Senior High School as a number-one priority in the Capital Improvement Program for fiscal 2004 and designate Oxon Hill Senior High School as “Southern Regional High School for Prince George’s County.”

The bill takes effect June 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by approximately \$4 million in FY 2004 to conduct the planning and design of a new Oxon Hill Senior High School in Prince George’s County.

(in dollars)	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	4,000,000	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$0	(\$4,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None. Designating Oxon Hill Senior High School as Prince George’s County’s number-one priority in the Capital Improvement Program for FY 2004 would not directly affect the county’s finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Under current State public school construction guidelines, the cost for planning and design of school facilities are not eligible for State funding. Local school systems must pay the total costs for architectural and engineering fees.

Background: Oxon Hill Senior High School is located inside the Capital Beltway. Approximately 2,400 students are enrolled at the school. The public school was constructed in 1959 and has undergone six additions and two major renovations, as shown in **Exhibit 1**. Due to water and roof damage, the school's gymnasium was closed in the fall of 2001. The Interagency Committee on Public School Construction (IAC) is currently reviewing the plans to construct a new \$5.5 million gymnasium. The county intends to open the new gymnasium by August 2003.

Exhibit 1 Oxon Hill Senior High School Dates of Construction and Renovation Projects

<u>Year</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>
1959	New School Building	80,391
1960	1 st Addition	34,200
1962	2 nd Addition	8,901
1981	Renovation/3 rd Addition	63,830
1988	4 th Addition	36,414
1989	5 th Addition	5,682
1990	6 th Addition	3,200
1998	Renovations/Science Classes	
		232,618

In December 2001, Prince George's County initiated a feasibility study to determine whether Oxon Hill Senior High School should be upgraded, renovated, or demolished and replaced with a new facility. The feasibility study should be finalized in April 2002 and the recommendations from the study would be used in the development of the county's fiscal 2004 CIP. The potential cost to improve facilities at Oxon Hill Senior High School could range from \$25 million to upgrade existing facilities to \$70 million to construct an entire new school.

Prince George's County is currently constructing a new high school to serve the Bladensburg area at a cost of \$57 million. The new Bladensburg High School is scheduled to open in August 2004 and will have a capacity of 1,923 students. The Oxon Hill Senior High School would serve approximately 2,600 students. The actual capacity would be determined by the school's educational specifications, which would be finalized by September 2002.

State Fiscal Effect: The Prince George's County Public School System advises that the planning and design costs for building a new Oxon Hill Senior High School would total from \$3 million to \$4 million. Under current State public school construction guidelines, the cost for planning and design of school facilities are paid entirely by the local school system. Pursuant to this legislation, the State would have to pay the planning and design fees for the proposed new high school.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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