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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 160

(Cecil County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

Cecil County - Bridge or Road Construction or Repair Contracts

This bill raises the limit from \$7,500 to \$10,000 under which the Cecil County Commissioners are exempt from requirements to competitively bid procurements of bridge or road construction or repair contracts and the purchase or lease of road or construction equipment or machinery. The bill also removes a limitation on any one contractor being awarded a total of \$20,000 worth of such contracts in a two-month period.

The bill is effective October 1, 2004 and sunsets September 30, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect State government operations.

Local Effect: Potential minimal decrease in county expenditures related to advertising for bids on contracts for construction or repair of roads or bridges or the purchase or lease of related equipment.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Cecil County is required to competitively bid any contract for construction or repair of any bridge or road and any purchase or lease of road or construction equipment or machinery if the expenditure is greater than \$7,500. County commissioners are required to advertise for bids in one or more newspapers published in

Cecil County or with such public notice as they deem most advisable. Public notice must be given at least once and appear at least one week, but not more than 30 days, before the final date for submitting bids.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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