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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1191

(Delegate Walkup, *et al.*)

Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

Kent County - Echo Hill Outdoor School Improvements Loan of 2001

This bill alters the purpose of the project for the Kent County – Echo Hill Outdoor School Improvements Loan of 2001 to include the capital equipping of an addition to Harris Hall.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Altering the purpose for which funds may be spent would not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 243 of 2001 authorized up to \$300,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Echo Hill Outdoor School, Inc., as grantee, for the construction of an addition to Harris Hall, construction and capital equipping of an agricultural demonstration area including a barn, renovation of staff housing facilities, and renovation of nature preserve facilities.

Background: The change in the purpose of the project would allow the grantee to use project funds to pay for office equipment and kitchen fixtures in Harris Hall. The

grantee's required match was certified by the Board of Public Works (BPW) in May 2002. To date, BPW has approved approximately \$16,500 in expenditures for contracts on the project. Additional contracts are expected to come before BPW for approval later in 2004.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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