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Senate Bill 119

(Senator Hughes)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

**Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004 - Baltimore City -
Baltimore Center for Children**

This emergency bill changes the location of the Baltimore City – Center for Children project in the Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004, from 2315 St. Paul Street in Baltimore to 2300 North Charles Street in Baltimore City. The bill also repeals the provision in the purpose of the project that includes installation or construction of handicapped access, a sprinkler system, elevators, an HVAC system, and interior walls to provide separate rooms.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Altering the location and purpose of the project would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill would not affect the finances or operations of Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 204 of 2003 authorized \$12,700,000 for community initiative projects approved by the House of Delegates under the Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004. In addition, Chapter 204 of 2003 authorized \$17,700,000 for community initiative projects under the Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004. Of that, \$12,700,000 was for projects initially approved by the Senate and \$5,000,000 was for community initiative projects as agreed upon by both houses.

Of the total authorized under the Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan, Chapter 204 authorized up to \$400,000 to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc., as grantee, for the construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the new Baltimore Center for Children building to include handicapped access, a sprinkler system, elevators, an HVAC system, and interior walls to provide separate rooms located at 2315 St. Paul Street in Baltimore, subject to the requirement that the grantee grant and convey a historical easement to the Maryland Historical Trust. The matching fund may include real property or funds expended prior to June 1, 2004.

Background: The grantee will change the location of project. Due to a delay in financing, the grantee was unable to complete the contract for the acquisition of the intended site for the project. The grantee has identified a new location, at 2300 North Charles Street, which will not require the same alterations and renovations. It is not known whether the Maryland Historical Trust would seek a historical easement on the new property. To date, the grantee has not had its required match certified.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 101 (Delegate Marriott) – Appropriations.

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