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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 650

(Senator Edwards)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

**Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004 - Garrett County -
Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall**

This bill extends the deadline for the County Commissioners of Garrett County to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Garrett County Exhibition Hall, as required in the Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Extending the deadline would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Potential increase in expenditures for Garrett County, as grantee, if unable to access State grant funds.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 204 of 2003 authorized up to \$300,000 in matching funds for the construction of a multipurpose exhibit hall located in Garrett County for use during the county fair and other public events, effective June 1, 2004. The grantee was required to present evidence by June 1, 2006 that a matching fund would be provided.

Background: Garrett County matching funds were certified by the Board of Public Works in August 2004. Funds have not been expended, however, as the county was still in the process of determining the location of the exhibition hall. A site has now been located, with construction scheduled to begin this year. Garrett County anticipates that the exhibition hall will be complete in 2008.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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