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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1191  
Appropriations

(Delegate Jones, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

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Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2004 - Baltimore County - The  
Children's Home

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This bill repeals the requirement in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2004 that the Board of Directors of The Children's Home, Inc. grant and convey an historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust as a condition of receiving funds for construction of a diagnostic treatment facility.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Repeal of easement requirements would not materially affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** This bill would not affect the finances or operations of Baltimore County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Chapter 432 of 2004 authorized up to \$450,000 in matching funds for the construction and capital equipping of a diagnostic treatment facility for The Children's Home in Catonsville. The grantee is required to grant and convey an historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust as a condition of award.

**Background:** The Children's Home was established in 1863 as a residential care facility for children between the ages of 8 and 21. The organization provides short- and long-term programs that include emergency shelter, treatment foster care, and group home services.

Required matching funds for the new diagnostic treatment facility have been certified and construction has begun at the new site. Because the new construction does not have historical value, easement requirements have prevented The Children's Home from expending State funds. Repeal of these requirements would allow the grantee to access State funds for completion of the project.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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