

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2007 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1415

(Delegates Conway and Mathias)

Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

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**Worcester County - Worcester County Development Center Loan of 2001 and  
Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Worcester County  
Development Center**

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This bill changes the authorized location of the Worcester County Development Center from Berlin to Newark and extends the deadline to June 1, 2009 for the Board of County Commissioners, as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The changes authorized in the bill would not materially affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** The grants are a pass-through and would not materially affect the finances or operations of Worcester County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 482 of 2001 authorized up to \$300,000 in matching funds as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a new building in Berlin, Maryland for the Worcester County Development Center. As amended by Chapter 181 of 2003, the

grantee had until June 1, 2005 to present evidence that a matching fund would be provided. The required match was authorized to include real property.

Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized an additional grant of \$1,500,000 for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the Worcester County Development Center in Berlin. The grant did not include a matching fund requirement.

**Background:** The wastewater plant that serves the site in Berlin originally identified for a new Worcester County Development Center cannot accommodate the proposed development. The center's current location in Newark has been proposed as a site for the new construction, and zoning variances have been requested.

The Board of Public Works has certified the required matching fund. The county advises that the match consisted of real property and may need to be re-certified based on the change in location.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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