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Senate Bill 1015

(Senator Raskin)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Montgomery County -
Blair Baseball Field Improvements**

This bill authorizes the Board of Directors of Maryland Community Baseball, Inc. to use funds expended on or after January 1, 2002 to satisfy matching fund requirements for Blair Baseball Field improvements, as provided in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Altering matching fund requirements would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill would not affect the finances or operations of Montgomery County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$50,000 in matching funds for the planning, design, repair, renovation, construction of improvements, and capital equipping of the Blair Baseball Field in Silver Spring. Required local matching funds may consist of funds expended prior to June 1, 2006.

Background: Maryland Community Baseball promotes youth baseball in eastern Montgomery County through summer collegiate teams, youth baseball clinics, and summer baseball camps. The organization's improvements to Blair Baseball Field include installation of a sound system, a scoreboard, and protective background fencing.

The grantee is currently authorized to use funds expended prior to June 1, 2006 to meet matching fund requirements; however, it is the policy of the Treasurer's Office and the Department of General Services that only funds raised less than two years prior to the effective date of the Act are eligible for consideration. The agreement signed by grant recipients includes this provision. Extending the look-back period would allow the grantee to use funds previously provided by Maryland Community Baseball and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to meet matching fund requirements.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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