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House Bill 429
Appropriations

(Delegates Malone and DeBoy)

Budget and Taxation

Baltimore County - Arbutus Community Center Loan of 2000

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2009, for Baltimore County to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Arbutus Community Facility Loan of 2000.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Extending the deadline for providing matching funds would not materially impact State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Potential increase in expenditures for Baltimore County, as grantee, if authorization for State debt expires before funds can be encumbered.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 317 of 2000, as amended by Chapter 168 of 2002 and Chapter 149 of 2004, authorized up to \$250,000 in matching funds for the acquisition, renovation, repair, construction, reconstruction, and capital equipping of an existing building for use as the Arbutus Community Center. The grantee was required to present evidence by June 1, 2006 that a matching fund would be provided.

Chapter 153 of 2003 established a seven-year limitation on the authority to spend an appropriation for a capital expenditure and a seven-year limitation on the authorization for State debt. The Act applies to all debt authorized on or after June 1, 1997.

Background: The building the county originally intended for the project was deemed unsuitable. The county now intends to co-locate the community center with a new proposed library. Funds appropriated for the project in 2000 were certified in May 2006; the extension would allow the grantee additional time to encumber these funds.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 432 (Senator Kasemeyer) – Budget and Taxation.

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