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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1006
Appropriations

(Delegates Conway and Mathias)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 - Worcester County -
Delmarva Discovery Center on the Pocomoke River

This bill amends the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 to authorize funds appropriated to the Board of Directors of the Pocomoke Marketing Partnership, Inc., as grantee, to be used for any of the exhibits at the Delmarva Discovery Center.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Amending the purposes of the bill would not materially affect State finances or operations.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 488 of 2007 authorized up to \$150,000 in matching funds for the planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of a steamboat exhibit at the Delmarva Discovery Center on the Pocomoke River in Pocomoke City. The grantee must present evidence to the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2009 that required matching funds will be provided.

Background: The Delmarva Discovery Center is designed as an interactive museum to explore the history of the life on the Pocomoke River. Exhibits are planned to showcase the area's Native American, maritime, and ecological history. The grantee advises that the cost of the steamboat exhibit is less than the amount anticipated at the time of the 2007 authorization. The bill would authorize funds to be used to complete the center's other exhibits in anticipation of the center's opening in the summer of 2008.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 895 (Senator Stoltzfus) – Budget and Taxation.

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