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Appropriations

(Delegate Stukes, *et al.*)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008 - Maryland Independent College and University Association - Sojourner-Douglass College

This bill amends the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008 to authorize the Board of Trustees of Sojourner-Douglass College to include in-kind contributions in the matching fund for the Science and Allied Health Facility.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 336 of 2008 authorizes up to \$3,250,000 in matching funds to the Board of Trustees of Sojourner-Douglass College to assist in the design and construction of the expansion and renovation of a building located at 249 N. Aisquith Street in Baltimore. The matching fund may consist of funds expended prior to June 1, 2008.

Background: The newly acquired building formerly served as the Eastern Female High School # 116 for the public school system of Baltimore City. According to the Maryland Independent College and University Association, the building is over 24,000 square feet

in size and requires upgrades and expansion to become a fully functional science and allied health facility.

Over the past five years, the enrollment at Sojourner-Douglass in science and allied health programs has more than doubled. The college advises that the renovation of this science and allied health building will allow Sojourner-Douglass to expand its workforce training capability to include biotechnicians, clinical associates, laboratory technicians, medical technologists, emergency medical technicians, and nurses through a partnership being negotiated with Johns Hopkins Medical Institute. These programs are aimed at unemployed and underemployed residents who will become contributors to the State's economy.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$8.15 million.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None designated, although SB 225 is nearly identical.

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