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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 28 (Senator Garagiola)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 - Montgomery County -
Warren Historical Site - Loving Charity Hall**

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2011, for the Board of Directors of the Warren Historic Site Committee, Inc., as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Loving Charity Hall project, as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007. The bill also removes the Board of Directors of the Historic Medley District, Inc. as a grantee.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

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

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 488 of 2007 authorizes up to \$175,000 in matching funds to the Boards of Directors of the Warren Historic Site Committee and the Historic Medley District for the reconstruction, repair, renovation, construction, and capital equipping of Loving Charity Hall in Martinsburg. The grantee is required to present evidence to the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2009, that a matching fund will be provided. The

matching fund may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to June 1, 2007.

Background: Loving Charity Hall was built in 1914 is part of the Warren Historical Site, which also includes the Warren Methodist Episcopal Church and the Martinsburg Negro School. When reconstructed and renovated, it will be operated as a museum, a meeting hall, a special events venue, and to archive materials which trace back to its origins. Field trips for school children will be developed as part of the museum program. The \$1.1 million project is being financed with a combination of State, county, and private funds.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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