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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 628 (Delegate Simmons)
Appropriations

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 - Montgomery County -
Public Safety Memorial**

This bill alters the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 by changing the designated location of the Public Safety Memorial from Rockville to Montgomery County.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2010.

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 \$150,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC) for the construction and capital equipping of the Public Safety Memorial. No part of the grantee's matching fund may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to June 1, 2007.

Background: AHCMC is a nonprofit local arts agency that has served Montgomery County for nearly 30 years. Its mission is to promote, support, and expand cultural activities and to help integrate such activities into the lives of county residents.

AHCMC advises that the design goals for the Public Safety Memorial include (1) creating a respectful and inspiring space to memorialize public safety officers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; (2) providing a focal point for the community to recognize those who have chosen service careers in which danger and extreme personal risk are frequent occurrences; and (3) designing a visually striking structure that is reflective of the interactive vitality of the public safety agencies.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 32 (Senator Forehand) - Budget and Taxation.

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