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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 269 (Senator Simonaire)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009 - Anne Arundel County -
Historical Freetown Renovation

This bill specifies that the matching fund for the Historical Freetown Renovation, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009, may consist of funds expended prior to June 1, 2009.

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 Anne Arundel County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 485 of 2009 authorizes up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Freetown Improvement Association for the design, construction, repair, and renovation of Freetown Elementary, located in Glen Burnie. No part of the grantee's matching fund may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to June 1, 2009.

Background: According to the grantee, the project had the necessary matching funds when the initial bond application was submitted. The grantee expended these funds to

install a sewage system, build a parking lot, and begin renovating the building, without realizing that funds expended prior to June 1, 2009, were not eligible to meet the matching fund requirement. Thus, the State grant has not been issued.

The \$300,000 project consists of equal grants from the State and Anne Arundel County. The grantee plans to renovate the historic 7,500-square-foot building, which was the first all African American public school in the county, for use as a community center for local residents.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Freetown Improvement Association, Anne Arundel County, Department of Legislative Services

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