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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1009 (Senator Dyson)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 - St. Mary's County - St. Mary's Agriculture Service Center

This bill authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District to use the grant proceeds for acquisition, planning, and design, in addition to construction, as established in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007.

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 St. Mary's County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 488 of 2007 authorizes up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Supervisors of the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District for the construction of the St. Mary's Agriculture Service Center, located in Leonardtown. Matching funds may consist of real property, but may not consist of in-kind contributions or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2007 effective date of Chapter 488.

Background: The St. Mary's Soil Conservation District's primary function is to work with the local agricultural community to install best management practices to reduce

sediment and nutrient runoff from agricultural lands. State grant funds will be used to build an agricultural services center which combines several agricultural agencies into one location to better serve local constituents. The grantee advises that the changes to the purpose of the grant are necessary so that land may be purchased upon which the center will be built. The grantee further advises that matching funds are in place and acquisition of the land is expected by the summer of 2010.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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