# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2011 Session

#### FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE Revised

Senate Bill 149 Budget and Taxation (Senator Currie)

Appropriations

### Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 - Prince George's County -Forestville Military Academy Track

This emergency bill changes the grantee of the Forestville Military Academy Track project, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010. The current grantee is the Forestville High School PTA. The bill specifies that the project's grantee is the Prince George's County Board of Education.

The bill also reduces the amount of matching funds that the grantee must present to receive the \$180,000 in State grant monies. The amount of the matching fund is reduced by the bill to \$90,000 from an equal match of \$180,000 as specified by Chapter 483 of 2010.

Finally, the bill establishes a deadline of June 1, 2012, for the grantee to present evidence of matching fund. Likewise, the proceeds of this loan must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended by June 1, 2012.

### **Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** Under the bill, Prince George's County may access the \$180,000 grant with a reduced match until June 1, 2012.

Small Business Effect: None.

### Analysis

**Current Law:** Chapter 483 of 2010 authorizes up to \$180,000 in matching funds to the Forestville High School PTA for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of the Forestville Military Academy Track. Matching funds may consist of in-kind contributions, real property, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2010 effective date of Chapter 483.

**Background:** The Forestville Military Academy is a public military high school located in Prince George's County. The Forestville Military Academy Parent Teacher Association advises that the school's track was condemned by the Prince George's County Board of Education in 1984. Thus, the school cannot host track meets, and members of the community are not able to use the track to exercise.

According to the Forestville Military Academy Parent Teacher Association, the school and adjacent real estate could not be used as evidence of a matching fund because the Board of Education was not listed as the project's grantee; the bill's changes allow for the land to be used to meet the matching fund requirement. Prince George's County advises that the county fully funds the capital program for the county Board of Education. Thus, the matching fund requirement becomes an obligation of the county's capital program if matching funds are not raised by the Board of Education.

## **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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