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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 965 (Senator Currie)
Budget and Taxation

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

This bill reduces the amount of matching funds that the Prince George's County Board of Education, as grantee, must present to receive \$180,000 in State grant monies for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of the Forestville Military Academy Track project as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010, as amended by Chapter 188 of 2011. The amount of the matching fund is reduced to \$45,000 (from a match of \$90,000 as specified by Chapter 188).

The bill also extends the deadline – from June 1, 2012, to June 1, 2013 – for the grantee to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided. The bill also specifies that the proceeds of the loan must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended by the grantee by June 1, 2013.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially 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, 2013.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 483 of 2010 authorized up to \$180,000 in matching funds to the Forestville High School Parent Teacher Association 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.

Chapter 188 of 2011 changed the grantee from the Forestville High School Parent Teacher Association to the Prince George's County Board of Education. Chapter 188 also reduced the amount of matching funds that the grantee must present to receive the \$180,000 from an equal match of \$180,000 down to \$90,000. Despite a request for an extension, Chapter 188 maintained the existing deadline of June 1, 2012, for the grantee to present evidence of a matching fund. Likewise, Chapter 188 maintained the requirement that the proceeds must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended by June 1, 2012.

Background: The Forestville Military Academy is a public military high school located in Prince George's County. When the grant was requested, the Forestville Military Academy Parent Teacher Association advised 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.

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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