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House Bill 307
Appropriations

(Delegate Gaines, *et al.*)

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008 - Prince George's County -
New Carrollton Recreation Center**

This bill modifies the purpose of a grant authorized by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008 to the Mayor and City Council of the City of New Carrollton so the funds may be used for the planning, design, and construction of lights and a scoreboard for Beckett Field in New Carrollton rather than a recreation center.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Absent the bill, the City of New Carrollton could lose access to the \$150,000 in matching funds authorized for this project.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 336 of 2008 authorized up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Mayor and City Council of the City of New Carrollton for the planning, design, and construction of a recreation center located in New Carrollton. The matching funds may consist of real property but may not consist of in-kind contributions or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2008 effective date of Chapter 336.

Background: The grantee reports that, due to the recession it has been unable to raise sufficient funds to construct a recreation center, so it has decided to add lights and a scoreboard to Beckett Field instead, a less expensive project. Beckett Field is located in a central location in New Carrollton, and many community organizations including the Boys and Girls Club have offices in the nearby community center. This project would add lights and a scoreboard to a field that is used for both football and soccer so it can be used by the community at night. The grantee anticipates being able to meet the matching fund requirement for this project.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 473 (Senator Pinsky) - Budget and Taxation.

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