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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1506
Appropriations

(Delegate Sophocleus, *et al.*)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 - Anne Arundel County -
Meade High School Concession Stand

This bill specifies that the matching funds for the Meade High School Concession Stand project, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012, may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2012 effective date of Chapter 444 of 2012 (SB 151).

The bill takes effect June 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Absent the bill, Anne Arundel County could lose access to the \$150,000 in matching funds authorized for this project.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 444 of 2012 authorized up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the concession stand and bathrooms at Meade High School, located in Fort Meade. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2012 effective date of Chapter 444. The grantee has until June 1, 2014, to *present evidence* that matching funds will be provided; however, the *proceeds* of the loans must

be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by December 1, 2015. If any funds remain unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2015, the amount of the unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be canceled.

Background: Meade High School is the largest public school in Anne Arundel County, serving more than 2,500 students, 800 of whom participate in athletics. Meade High School is the only public high school in Anne Arundel County that does not have running water and restrooms at its stadium. The purpose of this project is to construct a building that will have men's and women's restrooms, a concession area, two ticket booths, and a storage area. The current concession stand has been partially condemned and is too small for large events. The ticket booth is a shed without electricity.

Since the installation of a turf field, the stadium has been shared with the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks. The new building will also allow the Recreation and Parks players, parents, and spectators to have access to restroom facilities.

The grantee has approximately \$117,000 in cash for the project on hand and anticipates changing the matching fund requirement to a "soft match" will enable it to meet the \$150,000 matching fund requirement. The grantee reports that a revised set of plans for the project will be submitted to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education in February 2013. Once the plans are approved and the matching fund requirement is met, construction bids will be requested and construction will begin.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 5 (Senator DeGrange) - Budget and Taxation.

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