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House Bill 462 (Delegate Costa)
Appropriations

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 - Anne Arundel County -
Deale Elementary School Technology Enhancement Project

This bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2014, to June 1, 2015 – for the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County, as grantee, to present evidence that matching funds will be provided for the Deale Elementary School Technology Enhancement Project as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012. The bill also adds “capital equipping” to the list of authorized uses of the grant money.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Absent the bill, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County may lose access to \$23,000 in funds.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 444 of 2012 (the fiscal 2013 capital budget) authorized a grant of up to \$23,000 to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County for the design, construction, repair, and renovation of the Deale Elementary School Technology Enhancement Project, located in Deale. 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 a matching

fund will be provided; however, the proceeds of the loan 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 cancelled.

Background: Deale Elementary School was built in 1994, and has only recently been able to upgrade its infrastructure to support new technologies. Deale advises that in 2012, when the Deale Elementary School parent-teacher association requested the original bond bill, the scope of the project was limited to upgrading the infrastructure of the school in order to support interactive whiteboards, document cameras, projectors, computer tablets, etc. Deale was able to procure the infrastructure upgrades necessary to support such technologies through contributions and now wants to be able to purchase certain equipment to take advantage of those upgrades. Deale further advises that it is requesting an extension to June 1, 2015, to safeguard against losing the funds.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 843 (Senator Astle) - Budget and Taxation.

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