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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1057 (Senator Astle)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 - Anne Arundel County -
Southern Middle School and Southern High School Improvements**

This bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2015, to June 1, 2016 – for the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County to present evidence that matching funds will be provided for the Southern Middle School and Southern High School Improvements project as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Absent the bill, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County will lose access to \$100,000 in funds.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 424 of 2013 (the fiscal 2014 capital budget) authorized a grant of \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Southern Middle School and Southern High School, including the installation of emergency generators. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2013 effective date of Chapter 424. The grantee has until June 1, 2015, 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 June 1, 2020. If any funds authorized remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2020, the amount of unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled.

Background: Southern Middle School and Southern High School are located in Lothian and Harwood, respectively. Southern High School is designated by the county as an emergency shelter. The purpose of the original 2013 bond authorization was to install new back-up generators at each school. The grantee advises that Anne Arundel County's recent budget did not have a provision in it to accommodate the matching fund requirement of Chapter 424. The grantee further advises that, as a result, an extension is necessary to safeguard against losing the funds at a later date.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1172 (Delegate Costa) - Appropriations.

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