



Senate

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File No. 254

Senate Bill No. 33

Senate, April 12, 2001

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. HANDLEY of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. The sum of one million dollars is appropriated to the
2 Department of Environmental Protection, from the General Fund, for
3 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, for a grant to Boundless
4 Playgrounds, Inc. for the purpose of providing challenge grant awards
5 and technical services for the development of universally accessible
6 playgrounds for children of all abilities. Such funds shall be used for
7 the purchase and installation of surface materials and equipment, and
8 for project management, playground design and quality control. Each
9 municipality, school district or nonprofit organization awarded a
10 challenge grant shall be required to match every state dollar awarded
11 with one dollar of nonstate funds to be expended for the construction
12 of such playground. No single challenge grant awarded to a
13 municipality, school district or nonprofit organization shall exceed one
14 hundred thousand dollars per playground project. Challenge grant

15 funds shall be used exclusively for the purchase and installation of
16 surface materials and equipment. Such funds shall not lapse on June
17 30, 2001, and shall continue to be available for expenditure for such
18 purposes during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

HS *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Environmental Protection

Municipal Impact: Potential Revenue Gain

Explanation

State Impact:

This bill appropriates one million dollars to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001 for a grant to Boundless Playgrounds, Inc., for purposes specified in the legislation. The FY 01 General Fund surplus projected by the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) is \$608 million as of the February 5, 2001 statement.

Municipal Impact:

There is a potential revenue gain to municipalities since they are eligible grant recipients. The legislation provides that no grant can exceed \$100,000.

OLR Bill Analysis

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The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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