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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Economic Development – Maryland Technology Infrastructure Program

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Program in the 4 Maryland Technology Development Corporation; establishing the purposes of the $\mathbf{5}$ Program; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Authority; providing 6 for the appointment of members, the selection of officers, and the purposes and 7 procedures of the Authority; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure 8 Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the 9 Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation or the 10 Executive Director's designee to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents 11 12of the Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the 13 Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money 14 15to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Program to provide certain 16financial assistance to certain entities in the State subject to certain conditions; 17providing for the eligibility of certain entities for certain financial assistance; 18 establishing certain priorities for certain financial assistance; requiring the 19 Authority to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Corporation and the Authority 20to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each 21year; defining certain terms; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; specifying 22the terms of the initial members of the Authority; and generally relating to the 23Technology Infrastructure Program, the Maryland Technology Maryland 24Infrastructure Authority, and the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund.

- 25 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 26 Article Economic Development

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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4 5 6 7 8 9	BY adding to Article – Economic Development Section 10–495.1 through 10–495.12 to be under the new part "Part XI. Maryland Technology Infrastructure Program" Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)				
$10 \\ 11 \\ 12 \\ 13 \\ 14$	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Economic Development Section 10–496(a) to be under the amended part "Part XII. Miscellaneous" Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)				
15 16 17 18 19	Article – State Finance and Procurement Section 6–226(a)(2)(i) Annotated Code of Maryland				
20 21 22 23 24	Article – State Finance and Procurement Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. Annotated Code of Maryland				
25 26 27 28 29	Secti Anno	to ele – State Finance and Procurement on 6–226(a)(2)(ii)123. otated Code of Maryland 5 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)			
30 31	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:				
32		Article – Economic Development			
33	9–101.				
34	(a)	In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.			
35	(e)	"Secretary" means the Secretary of Commerce.			
36	10-401.				

1 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (c) "Corporation" means the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.

3 PART XI. MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

4 **10–495.1.**

5 (A) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 6 INDICATED.

7 (B) "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY 8 INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY.

9 (C) "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS A GRANT, A LOAN, A CREDIT 10 ENHANCEMENT, AN INVESTMENT, OR SIMILAR ASSISTANCE.

11 (D) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE 12 FUND.

13 (E) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE 14 PROGRAM.

15 **(F) "PROJECT" MEANS A MULTISECTOR, LARGE-SCALE, TRANSFORMATIVE** 16 INITIATIVE INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE SCIENCES OR 17 CYBER-RELATED INDUSTRIES.

18 **10–495.2.**

19 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

20 (1) MARYLAND'S STRONG BASE OF INNOVATION-LED, ADVANCED 21 INDUSTRIES IS IN PART A RESULT OF THE STATE'S INVESTMENT IN 22 INNOVATION-FOCUSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, THEREBY 23 ESTABLISHING ITSELF AS A NATIONAL LEADER;

24 (2) MARYLAND'S TWO LEADING ADVANCED INDUSTRIES OF LIFE 25 SCIENCES AND CYBER-RELATED INDUSTRIES CONTINUE TO GENERATE 26 SUBSTANTIAL JOB GROWTH, DRAWING ON THE STRONG BASE OF RESEARCH AND 27 DEVELOPMENT, NEW COMPANY FORMATION, AND TALENT ASSETS FOUND IN 28 MARYLAND;

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(3) TO ENSURE THE STATE'S FUTURE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS,

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1 MARYLAND MUST ADVANCE STRATEGIC PUBLIC-PRIVATE, INNOVATION-LED 2 COLLABORATIONS CREATING THE NEXUS WHERE INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND 3 ACADEMIC RESEARCH COMPETENCIES CAN COME TOGETHER TO DRIVE LOCAL 4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

5 (4) TO ENHANCE MARYLAND'S COMPETITIVENESS WITH STRONG 6 NATIONAL INNOVATION MARKETS, THE STATE CAN AND SHOULD BE A CATALYST TO 7 ESTABLISH THESE COLLABORATIONS BY PROVIDING TRANSFORMATIVE FUNDING 8 OVER THE NEXT DECADE TO LEVERAGE SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE/PUBLIC/CIVIC 9 CO-INVESTMENT AND RESULT IN THE CREATION OF MORE THAN 40,000 NEW JOBS; 10 AND

11 THESE COLLABORATIONS WILL BE FACILITATED BY (5) AN 12AUTHORITY WITHIN THE CORPORATION, WHICH WILL **ESTABLISH** Α 13FORWARD-LOOKING PLATFORM TO DEVELOP STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND ENGAGE 14MULTISECTOR PARTIES ACROSS INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

15 **10–495.3.**

16 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM IN 17 THE CORPORATION.

18 **(B)** THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:

19 (1) FACILITATE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND **GUIDANCE** BY 20CONVENING LEADERS FROM INDUSTRY AND ANCHOR RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, AS 21WELL AS OTHER KEY INNOVATION STAKEHOLDERS, TO IDENTIFY POLICIES AND INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO ADVANCE MARYLAND'S INNOVATION AROUND TARGETED 2223**GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACE-MAKING EFFORTS;**

- 24(2) MANAGE A MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND25FOR INVESTMENTS IN PROJECTS; AND
- 26 (3) COORDINATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DELIVERY TO 27 ENSURE HIGH–QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE.
- 28 **10–495.4**.

29 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY 30 IN THE CORPORATION.

31(B)THE CORPORATION SHALL PROVIDE STAFF TO THE AUTHORITY AND32MAY EMPLOY OR CONTRACT WITH EXPERTS TO ASSIST WITH THE ADMINISTRATION

1	AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM.
2	10-495.5.
3	(A) THE AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
4	(1) FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;
5 6	(2) THE PRESIDENT OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;
7 8	(3) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OR THE CHANCELLOR'S DESIGNEE;
9 10 11	(4) THE PRESIDENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE STATE, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE, APPOINTED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES;
12	(5) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;
$\begin{array}{c} 13\\14 \end{array}$	(6) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, OR THE SECRETARY OF LABOR'S DESIGNEE;
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16 \end{array}$	(7) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT'S DESIGNEE;
17	(8) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION;
$\frac{18}{19}$	(9) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND;
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	(10) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; AND
22	(11) ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:
$\frac{23}{24}$	(I) THE PRESIDENT OF BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;
$\frac{25}{26}$	(II) THE PRESIDENT OF COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;
27	(III) THE PRESIDENT OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE

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1	PRESIDEN	T'S DESIGNEE; OR
$2 \\ 3$	EASTERN S	(IV) THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SHORE, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE.
4	(B)	(1) OF THE FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:
$5\\6$	COMPANIE	(I) AT LEAST TWO SHALL BE EXECUTIVES IN LIFE SCIENCES S IN THE STATE; AND
7 8	COMPANIE	(II) AT LEAST TWO SHALL BE EXECUTIVES IN CYBER-RELATED S IN THE STATE.
9 10	OF THE ST	(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONSIDER THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ATE WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS.
11	(C)	THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER:
12		(1) MAY NOT BE ELECTED OFFICIALS; AND
$\begin{array}{c} 13\\14 \end{array}$	CYBER-RE	(2) MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN LIFE SCIENCES OR LATED INNOVATION.
15	(D)	EACH MEMBER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.
16	(E)	(1) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.
17 18 19		(2) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY GERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE Y ON OCTOBER 1, 2020.
20		(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN APPOINTED MEMBER:
21		(I) IS ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT; AND
22 23	AND QUAL	(II) CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED IFIES.
$\frac{24}{25}$	ONLY FOR	(4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.
26 27	THE GOVE	(5) A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY BE REMOVED BY RNOR WITH CAUSE.

1(6) A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE MAY2BE REMOVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE WITH CAUSE.

3 (7) A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MAY BE
4 REMOVED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE WITH CAUSE.

5 **10–495.6.**

6 (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A CHAIR FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS.

7 (B) THE AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF 8 OFFICERS AND THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE.

9 **10–495.7.**

10 (A) (1) SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ARE A QUORUM.

11(2)AN ACT OF THE AUTHORITY MUST BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY12VOTE OF THE MEMBERS ATTENDING A MEETING AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

13 (B) A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY:

14 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE 15 AUTHORITY; BUT

16(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE17STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

18 (C) A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL FILE AN ANNUAL PUBLIC 19 DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS AS REQUIRED UNDER THE MARYLAND 20 PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

(D) EACH MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE STATE
 ETHICS COMMISSION WHETHER THE MEMBER IS EMPLOYED BY OR HAS A FINANCIAL
 INTEREST IN AN ENTITY THAT MAY APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE FUND.

24 **10–495.8**.

(A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE ADVICE TO AND CONSULT WITH THE
 CORPORATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM
 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (B) THE AUTHORITY MAY ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW BOARD OF 2 BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC EXPERTS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIES 3 TO:

4 (1) EVALUATE WHETHER AN APPLICANT FOR FUNDING IS LIKELY TO 5 ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE PROJECT FOR WHICH FUNDING IS SOUGHT; AND

6 (2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY, BASED ON THE 7 EVALUATION, FOR THE AWARD AND DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 8 FROM THE FUND.

9 **10–495.9.**

10 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND IN THE 11 CORPORATION.

12 (B) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT 13 SUBJECT TO REVERSION UNDER § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND 14 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

15 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, 16 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

- 17 (C) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:
- 18 (1) APPROPRIATIONS AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET;
- 19 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND
- 20 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR 21 THE BENEFIT OF THE PROGRAM.

(D) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION, OR THE EXECUTIVE
 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
 PART AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

25 (E) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM, 26 INCLUDING:

27 (1) ANY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; AND

28 (2) ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THAT IS AWARDED TO ELIGIBLE 29 RECIPIENTS.

1 (F) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND 2 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

3 (2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED 4 TO THE FUND.

5 (G) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS AND 6 TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 2–1220 OF THE STATE 7 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

8 **10–495.10.**

9 (A) WITHIN THE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING, AND ON THE 10 RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUTHORITY, THE CORPORATION SHALL AWARD 11 CAPITAL AND OPERATING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND TO PUBLIC OR 12 PRIVATE ENTITIES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER 13 EDUCATION, TO:

14 (1) SUPPORT LARGE-SCALE PLACE-MAKING PROJECTS THAT 15 ESTABLISH A GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICT TO ATTRACT TALENT, FOSTER 16 COLLABORATION, AND ENABLE CONCENTRATION AND GROWTH OF LIFE SCIENCES 17 AND CYBER-RELATED INDUSTRIES;

18 (2) FOSTER PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN PRIVATE 19 INDUSTRY AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE, AND THE 20 DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION CENTERS;

21 (3) ATTRACT NEW LEAD VENTURE CAPITAL FIRMS AND MAJOR 22 CORPORATE PARTNERS TO FUND START-UP AND EMERGING COMPANIES IN 23 MARYLAND; AND

(4) SUPPORT TALENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES THAT ADDRESS
CRITICAL SKILL SHORTAGE AREAS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND
MATHEMATICS FIELDS TO MEET THE WORKFORCE NEEDS OF THE LIFE SCIENCES
AND CYBER-RELATED INDUSTRIES.

28 (B) THE FUND MAY NOT CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE 29 TOTAL COST OF A PROJECT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

30 **10–495.11.**

31 (A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH:

ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART, ALL PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES **(B)** IN THE STATE AND ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE MAY BE ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (2) **PRIORITY FOR THE AWARD OF ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL** BE GIVEN TO THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE MOST LIKELY TO: **(I)** ATTRACT SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN THE STATE; (II) **RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT COMPANY FORMATION OR JOB CREATION:** (III) LEVERAGE SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH FUNDING FROM FEDERAL OR PRIVATE SECTOR SOURCES; OR (IV) ESTABLISH THE STATE AS A KEY LOCATION FOR LIFE SCIENCES AND CYBER-RELATED INDUSTRIES. 10-495.12. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, THE CORPORATION AND THE AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF THE FUND, INCLUDING DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED UNDER THIS PART. Part [XI] XII. Miscellaneous. 10-496.In any case under the insurance law of the State in which the assets of a (a) purchaser are examined or considered, the designated capital shall be treated as an admitted asset, subject to the same financial rating as that held by the State. **Article – State Finance and Procurement** 6-226.(2)Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless (a) (i)

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A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS; AND

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inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.
(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the followings funds:
121. the Markell Hendricks Youth Crime Prevention and Diversion Parole Fund; [and]
122. the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund ; AND
123. THE MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:
(a) The terms of the initial members of the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Authority appointed by the Governor under § 10–495.5(a)(1) of the Economic Development Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall expire as follows:
(1) one member in 2021 ;
(2) two members in 2022; and
(3) two members in 2023.
(b) The terms of the initial members of the Authority appointed by the President of the Senate of Maryland and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall expire in 2024.
SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.