

# SENATE BILL 882

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By: **Senator Jennings**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Northeastern Maryland Additive Manufacturing**  
3 **Innovation Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain definitions in order to codify a certain alternate name  
5 for the Northeastern Maryland Additive Manufacturing Innovation Authority;  
6 altering the number and composition of the voting members of the Executive Board;  
7 requiring the Authority to include in a certain submission to the Department of  
8 Economic Competitiveness and Commerce a certain request for financial support in  
9 a certain fiscal year; requiring the Department to consider including certain requests  
10 for financial support in its annual budget recommendations; requiring, rather than  
11 authorizing, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill certain funding for the  
12 Authority; and generally relating to the Northeastern Maryland Additive  
13 Manufacturing Innovation Authority.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Economic Development  
16 Section 13–1201, 13–1203(b)(2)(xvii) through (xix), and 13–1209  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article – Economic Development  
21 Section 13–1202 and 13–1203(a)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

24 BY adding to  
25 Article – Economic Development  
26 Section 13–1203(b)(2)(xx)  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Economic Development**

4 13–1201.

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

6 (b) “Additive manufacturing” means a process of joining materials to make objects  
7 from three–dimensional model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive  
8 manufacturing methodologies.

9 (c) “Authority” means the Northeastern Maryland Additive Manufacturing  
10 Innovation Authority, **ALSO KNOWN AS RAMP MD.**

11 (d) “Board” means the Executive Board of the Authority.

12 (e) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Authority.

13 (f) “Fund” means the Northeastern Maryland Additive Manufacturing  
14 Innovation Authority Fund, **ALSO KNOWN AS THE RAMP FUND.**

15 (g) “Region” means Cecil and Harford counties.

16 13–1202.

17 (a) There is a Northeastern Maryland Additive Manufacturing Innovation  
18 Authority.

19 (b) (1) The Authority is a tax–exempt body politic and corporate.

20 (2) The Authority is an independent unit that the Governor may not place  
21 in a principal department of State government.

22 (c) The purposes of the Authority are to:

23 (1) foster the economic development of the region by:

24 (i) promoting collaboration among government, businesses,  
25 educational institutions, and entrepreneurs and innovators; and

26 (ii) leveraging the established additive manufacturing investments  
27 in the region, including the facilities at Aberdeen Proving Ground; and

28 (2) position the State as a leader in additive manufacturing.

1 13-1203.

2 (a) An Executive Board shall manage the Authority and exercise its corporate  
3 powers.

4 (b) (2) The voting members of the Board are:

5 (xvii) **AT LEAST** one representative of 3D Maryland, appointed by the  
6 Director of 3D Maryland;

7 (xviii) one representative of the Maryland Advisory Commission on  
8 Manufacturing Competitiveness, appointed by the Chair of the Commission; [and]

9 (xix) **AT LEAST** six representatives of industry who reflect the  
10 influential and emerging industries using additive manufacturing as determined by the  
11 Department, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce; **AND**

12 **(XX) AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH ORGANIZATION**  
13 **FOCUSED ON ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING IN THE STATE THAT IS INTERESTED IN**  
14 **COLLABORATING WITH THE AUTHORITY, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE**  
15 **REPRESENTATIVE'S RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATION.**

16 13-1209.

17 (a) The State and Cecil and Harford counties jointly may finance the Authority  
18 and its activities.

19 (b) (1) The State may provide financial support to the Authority to assist in  
20 carrying out the activities of the Authority.

21 (2) (i) On or before August 1 of each year, the Authority shall submit  
22 its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year to the  
23 Department.

24 (ii) The submission shall include:

25 **1. supporting schedules to show how the budget is financed**  
26 **and to provide for review and recommendations; AND**

27 **2. A SPECIFIC REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR**  
28 **FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR.**

29 (iii) After review, the Department shall:

1                   **1.     CONSIDER INCLUDING THE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL**  
2 **SUPPORT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET**  
3 **RECOMMENDATIONS; AND**

4                   **2.     forward the submission and any recommendations to the**  
5 **Department of Budget and Management for consideration.**

6                   (3)   (i)     In accordance with subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, for fiscal  
7 year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor [may] **SHALL** include in the State  
8 budget an appropriation **OF AT LEAST \$150,000** to partially support the Authority.

9                   (ii)   1.     Any appropriation in a fiscal year under subparagraph (i)  
10 of this paragraph shall be contingent on the commitment of Cecil and Harford counties to  
11 contribute funds to the Authority during the same fiscal year.

12                               2.     In determining the amount of an appropriation in a fiscal  
13 year, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation shall equal at least  
14 two times the total amount committed to be contributed by Cecil and Harford counties in  
15 the same fiscal year.

16                   (c)   (1)    The governing bodies of Cecil and Harford counties each year may  
17 appropriate funds to the Authority to promote the purposes of the Authority.

18                               (2)    An appropriation under paragraph (1) of this subsection may be a  
19 designated portion of the budget of the county Office of Economic Development.

20                   (d)    The Authority may accept additional money from any other public or private  
21 source.

22                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
23 1, 2016.