

HOUSE BILL 521

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CF SB 583

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Small Business Innovation Research Technical Assistance Program –**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research
5 Technical Assistance Program in the Maryland Technology Development
6 Corporation; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring small businesses to
7 meet certain qualifications for participation in the Program; authorizing the
8 Corporation to adopt certain regulations; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Corporation, in
9 accordance with certain provisions of law, to procure a certain entity to provide
10 services under the Program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
11 Maryland Small Business Innovation Research Technical Assistance Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Economic Development

14 Section 10-4A-01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4A. Maryland Small
15 Business Innovation Research Technical Assistance Program”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – Economic Development**

2 **SUBTITLE 4A. MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH TECHNICAL**
3 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 **10-4A-01.**

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
6 INDICATED.

7 (2) “CORPORATION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10-401 OF THIS
8 TITLE.

9 (3) “PHASE 0” MEANS THE INITIAL APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE
10 FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM OR THE
11 FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GRANT PROGRAM.

12 (4) “PHASE I” MEANS A SMALL BUSINESS HAS RECEIVED UP TO
13 \$150,000 IN FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH FUNDING FOR
14 APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS OR FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY
15 TRANSFER FUNDING FOR 1 YEAR, WITH THE MEANING STATED IN 15 U.S.C. § 638.

16 (5) “PHASE II” MEANS A SMALL BUSINESS HAS RECEIVED UP TO
17 \$1,000,000 IN FUNDING FOR UP TO 2 YEARS TO EXPAND PHASE I RESULTS, WITH
18 THE MEANING STATED IN 15 U.S.C. § 638.

19 (6) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS
20 INNOVATION RESEARCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

21 (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH
22 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE CORPORATION.

23 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL
24 ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE STATE BY:

25 (1) ENCOURAGING SMALL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING ECONOMICALLY
26 DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESSES, TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE FEDERAL
27 SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM AND THE FEDERAL
28 SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GRANT PROGRAM; AND

29 (2) PROVIDING GRANT APPLICANTS WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,
30 INCLUDING TRAINING ASSISTANCE AND ASSESSMENTS THROUGH PHASES 0, I, AND
31 II OF DEVELOPMENT.

1 (D) TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION, A SMALL BUSINESS SHALL:

2 (1) HAVE ITS PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS LOCATED IN THE
3 STATE, HAVE OVER HALF OF ITS WORKFORCE WORKING IN THE STATE, AND INTEND
4 TO MAINTAIN ITS PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE STATE; AND

5 (2) ~~HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT IN THE STATE~~
6 ~~THROUGH THE STATE'S TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM; AND~~

7 (3) HAVE NOT MORE THAN ~~250~~ 50 EMPLOYEES.

8 (E) THE CORPORATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING
9 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY AND ALLOCATION OF ASSISTANCE.

10 (F) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF DIVISION II OF THE
11 STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, THE CORPORATION ~~SHALL~~ MAY
12 PROCURE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE
13 SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.