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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Program – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the purposes of the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise 4 Zone Program; establishing the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Fund $\mathbf{5}$ in the Department of Commerce to be used for certain purposes; providing for the 6 investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; prohibiting the Secretary 7 of Commerce from approving a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone 8 the geographic area of which exceeds a certain amount; providing for the termination 9 of the Program; altering eligibility for tax incentives that a business entity that 10 locates in a RISE zone may receive under certain circumstances; authorizing a 11 certain qualified institution, a county, a municipal corporation, or a certain entity of 12a county or a municipal corporation to establish a certain program to provide rental 13assistance to a business entity that moves into or locates in a RISE zone; authorizing 14 a qualified institution, a county, a municipal corporation, or a certain entity of a 15county or a municipal corporation that establishes a rental assistance program in 16accordance with this Act to submit a certain request to receive a distribution of 17certain funds from the Fund; requiring the Department to make available a certain 18 amount of funds to match certain rental assistance funds; requiring the Department 19to review certain requests and distribute certain funds under certain circumstances; 20requiring a certain applicant to deposit certain rental assistance funds into a certain 21fund within a certain period of time; providing for the reallocation of certain funds 22under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to submit an annual report 23to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on certain matters; 24authorizing certain companies to claim an enhanced State income tax credit under 25certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; 26providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the 27effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to the Regional Institution Strategic 28Enterprise Zone Program.

29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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



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1 Article –	Economic	Development
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- 2 Section 5–1401, 5–1402, 5–1404(b) and (f), 5–1406, and 5–1407
- 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 4 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 6 Article Economic Development
- 7 Section 5–1404(a)
- 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 9 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 10 BY adding to
- 11 Article Economic Development
- 12 Section 5–1407, 5–1408, and 5–1410
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 16 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 17 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 21 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 22 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
- 23 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 24 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 25 BY adding to
- 26 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 27 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
- 28 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 29 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 30 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 31 Article Tax General
- 32 Section 10–725(b)(1) and 10–733(b)(1)
- 33 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 34 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 35 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 36 Article Tax General
- 37 Section 10–725(d)(1) and 10–733(d)(1)
- 38 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 39 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 2 Article Tax Property
- 3 Section 9–103.1(a)(1) and (b)
- 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 5 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Article Tax Property
- 8 Section 9–103.1(a)(4) and (6) and (d)(2)
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 11 BY adding to
- 12 Article Tax Property
- 13 Section 9–103.1(a)(7)
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

- 18 Article Economic Development
- 19 5–1401.

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

(b) "Area" means a geographic area in one or more political subdivisions in the
State described by a closed perimeter boundary.

23 (C) "FUND" MEANS THE REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE 24 ZONE FUND CREATED UNDER § 5–1408 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

25 [(c)] (D) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization that is exempt or 26 eligible for exemption from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

[(d)] (E) "Qualified institution" means an entity that is designated as a qualified
institution under § 5–1403 of this subtitle and may include:

(1) a regional higher education center as defined under § 10–101 of the
 Education Article;

31 (2) an institution of higher education as defined under § 10–101 of the 32 Education Article; or

33 (3) a nonprofit organization that is affiliated with a federal agency.

1 [(e)] (F) "RISE zone" means a geographic area in immediate proximity to a 2 qualified institution that is targeted for increased economic and community development 3 that meets the requirements of § 5–1404 of this subtitle and is designated as a Regional 4 Institution Strategic Enterprise zone by the Secretary under § 5–1404 of this subtitle.

 $5 \quad 5-1402.$

6 The [purpose] PURPOSES of the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone 7 Program [is] ARE to access institutional assets that have a strong and demonstrated 8 history of commitment to economic development and revitalization in the communities in 9 which they are located AND INCENTIVIZE THE LOCATION OF INNOVATIVE START-UP 10 BUSINESSES BASED ON TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED, LICENSED, OR POISED FOR 11 COMMERCIALIZATION AT OR IN COLLABORATION WITH QUALIFIED MARYLAND 12 INSTITUTIONS.

13 5-1404.

(a) On or after July 1, 2015, a qualified institution shall apply jointly with a
 county, a municipal corporation, or the economic development agency of a county or
 municipal corporation to the Secretary to designate an area as a Regional Institution
 Strategic Enterprise zone.

18 (b) The application shall:

19 (1) be in the form and contain the information that the Secretary requires20 by regulation;

(2) state the boundaries of the area of the proposed RISE zone, NOT
 22 EXCEEDING 500 ACRES;

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(3) describe the nexus of the RISE zone with the qualified institution; and

24 (4) contain a plan that identifies the target strategy and anticipated 25 economic impacts of the RISE zone.

26 (f) (1) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the designation of 27 an area as a RISE zone is effective for 5 years.

(ii) Upon a joint application of a qualified institution, a county and,
 if applicable, a municipal corporation, or the economic development agency of a county or
 municipal corporation, the Secretary may renew a RISE zone for an additional 5 years.

31 (2) The Secretary may not:

32 (I) approve more than three RISE zones in a single county or 33 municipal corporation; OR

1(II)APPROVE A RISE ZONE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF WHICH2EXCEEDS 500 ACRES.

3 5-1406.

4 (a) (1) To the extent provided for in this section, a business entity that locates 5 in a RISE zone is entitled to:

6 (i) FOR A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT LOCATES IN THE RISE ZONE 7 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, the property tax credit under § 9–103.1 of the Tax – Property 8 Article;

9 (ii) FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING BEFORE JANUARY 1, 10 **2023**, the income tax credit under § 10–702 of the Tax – General Article; and

(iii) priority consideration for financial assistance from programs in
 Subtitle 1 of this title.

13 (2) For purposes of the income tax credit authorized under paragraph (1)(ii) 14 of this subsection, the business entity is treated as being located in an enterprise zone.

15 (b) [A] SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS 16 SECTION, A business entity that moves into or locates in a RISE zone on or after the date 17 that the zone is designated under this subtitle may qualify for the incentives under this 18 section.

19 (c) A business entity may not qualify for the incentives under subsection (a) of 20 this section unless the Department, in consultation with the county or municipal 21 corporation in which a RISE zone is located, certifies the business entity and its location as 22 consistent with the target strategy of the RISE zone.

(d) (1) Unless a business entity makes a significant capital investment or expansion of its labor force after a RISE zone is designated, the incentives under this section are not available to a business entity that was in a RISE zone before the date that the zone is designated.

(2) The Department shall adopt regulations establishing factors to
determine if a business entity makes a significant capital investment or expansion of its
labor force under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

30 **5–1407.**

(A) (1) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTION, A COUNTY AND, IF APPLICABLE, A
 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF A
 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE

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1	RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT:							
$\frac{2}{3}$	(I) MOVES INTO OR LOCATES IN A RISE ZONE ON OR AFTER THE DATE THAT THE ZONE IS DESIGNATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND							
4	(II) HAS BEEN IN ACTIVE BUSINESS NOT LONGER THAN 7 YEARS.							
5 6 7 8 9	(2) (I) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTION, A COUNTY AND, IF APPLICABLE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT ESTABLISHES A RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY SUBMIT A REQUEST TO RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE FUND.							
10	(II) THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE:							
$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 12 \end{array}$	1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;							
$\begin{array}{c} 13\\14\\15\end{array}$	2. THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS SECURED TO PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;							
$\begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 17 \end{array}$	3. THE AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR DISTRIBUTION FROM THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION; AND							
18 19	4. ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.							
20 21 22	(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW EACH REQUEST FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE FUND FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.							
23 24 25 26 27 28	(2) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN THE FUND AND PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES A REQUEST FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE FUND, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO A FUND DEDICATED TO THE APPLICANT'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)(II)2 OF THIS SECTION.							
29 30 31	(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE NOT MORE THAN 25% OF CUMULATIVE PROGRAM FUNDS FROM THE FUND FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN A							

32 SINGLE RISE ZONE.

1 (C) (1) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF A 2 REQUEST FOR MATCHING FUNDS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE 3 APPLICANT SHALL DEPOSIT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT 4 SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)(II)2 OF THIS SECTION INTO A FUND 5 DEDICATED TO THE APPLICANT'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

6 (2) IF AN APPLICANT FAILS TO HAVE DEPOSITED THE AMOUNT 7 REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ANY PORTION OF FUNDS 8 ALLOCATED TO THE APPLICANT THAT HAS NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED SHALL BE 9 REALLOCATED TO ANOTHER APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

10 (3) IF THE DEPARTMENT FAILS TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS IN THE 11 FUND UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN A SINGLE 12 RISE ZONE HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED 25% OF CUMULATIVE PROGRAM FUNDS 13 FROM THE FUND, THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO 14 APPLICANTS FOR THAT RISE ZONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

15 **5–1408.**

16 (A) THERE IS A REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE FUND IN 17 THE DEPARTMENT.

18 (B) THE SECRETARY SHALL MANAGE AND SUPERVISE THE FUND.

19 (C) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT 20 SUBJECT TO § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

21 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, 22 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

- 23 (D) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:
- 24 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND

25 (2) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR 26 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

27 (E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE THE FUND TO:

28 (1) FINANCE, IN COORDINATION WITH QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONS, 29 COUNTIES, AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, THE PROVISION OF RENTAL 30 ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESS ENTITIES LOCATED IN RISE ZONES; AND

1 (2) PAY THE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL, AND ACTUARIAL 2 EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (F) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND 4 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

5 (2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED 6 TO THE FUND.

7 (G) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE 8 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

9 **[**5–1407.**] 5–1409.**

10 (a) The Department and the Comptroller jointly shall assess each year the 11 effectiveness of the tax incentives provided to business entities in RISE zones, including:

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(1) the number and amounts of tax incentives granted each year; and

13 (2) the success of the tax incentives in attracting and retaining business 14 entities in RISE zones.

15 (b) On or before December 15 of each year, the Department and the Comptroller 16 shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government 17 Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Committee on Ways and 18 Means, and the Tax Credit Evaluation Committee a report outlining the findings of the 19 Department and the Comptroller and any other information of value in determining the 20 effectiveness of the tax incentives authorized under this subtitle.

(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE
GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS A REPORT DETAILING WITH
RESPECT TO EACH RISE ZONE IN WHICH A RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS
BEEN ESTABLISHED:

- 27 (1) THE ENTITY ADMINISTERING THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;
 28 (2) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS RECEIVED DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL
 29 YEAR;
- 30 (3) THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF FUNDS RECEIVED; AND
- 31 (4) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS REMAINING UNSPENT AT THE END OF THE

1 PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

2 **5–1410.**

3 THIS SUBTITLE AND THE TAX CREDITS AND BENEFITS AUTHORIZED UNDER IT 4 SHALL TERMINATE ON JANUARY 1, 2028.

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Article – State Finance and Procurement

6 6-226.

7 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless 8 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the 9 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the 10 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to 11 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General 12 Fund of the State.

$\begin{array}{c} 13\\14 \end{array}$	(ii) to the following funds:	The p	rovisions	of subparagraph	n (i) of this paragrap	ph do not apply
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16 \end{array}$	[and]	122.	the Raci	ng and Commun	ity Development Fi	inancing Fund;
17 18	AND	123.	the Raci	ng and Commun	iity Development F	acilities Fund;
19 20	ENTERPRISE FUND.	124.	THE	REGIONAL	INSTITUTION	STRATEGIC

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read 22 as follows:

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Article – Tax – General

24 10-725.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection and subsections (d) and (e) of this section, for the taxable year in which an investment in a qualified Maryland biotechnology company is made, a qualified investor may claim a credit against the State income tax in an amount equal to the amount of tax credit stated in the final credit certificate approved by the Secretary for the investment as provided under this section.

30 (d) (1) The tax credit allowed in an initial tax credit certificate issued under 31 this section is:

1 (i) except as provided in item (ii) of this paragraph, 50% of the 2 investment in a qualified Maryland biotechnology company, not to exceed \$250,000; or

3 (ii) [if a qualified Maryland biotechnology company is located in 4 Allegany, Dorchester, Garrett, or Somerset counties,] 75% of the investment in the 5 qualified Maryland biotechnology company, not to exceed \$500,000, IF A QUALIFIED 6 MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY:

I. IS LOCATED IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, DORCHESTER
 8 COUNTY, GARRETT COUNTY, OR SOMERSET COUNTY; OR

9 2. IS LOCATED IN A REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC 10 ENTERPRISE ZONE THAT IS DESIGNATED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 14 OF THE 11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE, IS BASED ON TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS 12 DEVELOPED AT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTION WITHIN THAT ZONE, AND HAS BEEN IN 13 ACTIVE BUSINESS NOT LONGER THAN 7 YEARS.

14 10-733.

15 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsections (d) and (f) of 16 this section, for the taxable year in which an investment in a qualified Maryland 17 cybersecurity company is made, a qualified investor may claim a credit against the State 18 income tax in an amount equal to the amount of tax credit stated in the final credit 19 certificate approved by the Secretary for the investment as provided under this section.

20 (d) (1) The tax credit allowed in an initial tax credit certificate issued under 21 this section is:

(i) except as provided in item (ii) of this paragraph, 33% of the
investment in a qualified Maryland cybersecurity company, not to exceed \$250,000; or

(ii) [if a qualified Maryland cybersecurity company is located in
Allegany County, Dorchester County, Garrett County, or Somerset County,] 50% of the
investment in the qualified Maryland cybersecurity company, not to exceed \$500,000, IF A
QUALIFIED MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COMPANY:

281.IS LOCATED IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, DORCHESTER29COUNTY, GARRETT COUNTY, OR SOMERSET COUNTY; OR

IS LOCATED IN A REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC
 ENTERPRISE ZONE THAT IS DESIGNATED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 14 OF THE
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE, IS BASED ON TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS
 DEVELOPED AT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTION WITHIN THAT ZONE, AND HAS BEEN IN
 ACTIVE BUSINESS NOT LONGER THAN 7 YEARS.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read $\mathbf{2}$ as follows: 3 Article – Tax – Property 4 9-103.1. In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. $\mathbf{5}$ (a) (1)6 "Business entity" means a person who operates or conducts a (4)(i) 7 trade or business. 8 "Business entity" includes a person who owns, operates, (ii) 9 develops, constructs, or rehabilitates real property if the real property: 10 1. is intended for use primarily as single or multifamily 11 residential property located in a [Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise zone that is 12designated under Title 5, Subtitle 14 of the Economic Development Article] **RISE ZONE**; 13and 142. is partially devoted to a nonresidential use. (6)"Qualified property" means real property that is: 15(i) LOCATED IN A RISE ZONE; 16 17**(II)** not used for residential purposes; AND 18 (ii)] **(III)** used in a trade or business by a business entity THAT LOCATES IN THE RISE ZONE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023 [; and 19 20located in a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise zone that (iii) is designated under Title 5, Subtitle 14 of the Economic Development Article]. 2122"RISE ZONE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-1401 OF THE (7) 23**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.** 24The governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation shall grant a tax (b) 25credit under this section against the property tax imposed on the eligible assessment of qualified property. 2627If the designation of a [Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise] (d) (2)28**RISE** zone expires, the tax credit under this section continues to be available to a qualified 29property. SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take 30

effect July 1, 2021, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December
 31, 2020.

3 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall be 4 applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

5 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 6 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021.