

SENATE BILL 822

E4, M3

1r2734
CF 1r2735

By: **Senator Hester**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Maryland Emergency Management Agency – Office of Resilience**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Emergency
4 Management Agency; providing for the purpose of the Office; providing for the duties
5 of the Office; requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to coordinate
6 with the Office to administer the national flood insurance program; and generally
7 relating to the Office of Resilience.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Environment

10 Section 5–803(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Environment

15 Section 5–803(f)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Public Safety

20 Section 14–104.1

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Environment**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 5-803.

2 (a) By January 1, 1982 the Department, after consultation with and consideration
3 of recommendations submitted by subdivisions and the Department of Agriculture and the
4 Department of Planning, shall designate a priority list of watersheds for the purpose of
5 flood control planning and management and establish a schedule for completion of studies
6 of these watersheds.

7 (f) (1) The Department and the subdivisions shall coordinate activities under
8 this section with all related programs, including [the national flood insurance program,]
9 the sediment control program[,] and the State water pollution control and abatement
10 programs.

11 (2) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE OFFICE OF**
12 **RESILIENCE IN THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO**
13 **ADMINISTER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 **14-104.1.**

16 (A) **THERE IS AN OFFICE OF RESILIENCE IN THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY**
17 **MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**

18 (B) **THE OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GUIDING STATE RESILIENCE**
19 **INITIATIVES, LEVERAGING FEDERAL AND PRIVATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
20 **FUNDING RESOURCES, AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND**
21 **NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ALL STAGES OF EMERGENCY PLANNING**
22 **AND MANAGEMENT.**

23 (C) **THE OFFICE SHALL:**

24 (1) **ADMINISTER FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**
25 **MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY-FOCUSED PROGRAMS;**

26 (2) **IN COORDINATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE**
27 **ENVIRONMENT, ADMINISTER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM;**

28 (3) **ADMINISTER STATE MITIGATION GRANTS; AND**

29 (4) **DEVELOP FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR USE BY**
30 **STATEWIDE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.**

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2021.