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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Infrastructure Grants – Federal Infrastructure Investment and Coordination**
3 **Unit – Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Federal Infrastructure Investment and Coordination
5 Unit in the Governor’s Grants Office for the purpose of tracking federal
6 infrastructure grants and assisting State agencies in the award of the grants under
7 certain federal legislation; and generally relating to the Federal Infrastructure
8 Investment and Coordination Unit in the Governor’s Grants Office.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – State Finance and Procurement
11 Section 2–211
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

17 **2–211.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) “ACT” MEANS THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND
21 JOBS ACT OF 2021.

22 (3) “UNIT” MEANS THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT
23 AND COORDINATION UNIT ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THERE IS A FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND**
2 **COORDINATION UNIT IN THE GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE.**

3 **(C) (1) (I) THE HEAD OF THE UNIT IS THE CHIEF INFRASTRUCTURE**
4 **OFFICER.**

5 **(II) THE CHIEF INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICER SHALL RECEIVE**
6 **THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

7 **(2) THE STATE BUDGET SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR**
8 **THE UNIT TO EMPLOY A STAFF OF AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS AND TO RETAIN AND**
9 **HIRE EXPERTS IN THE APPROPRIATE FIELDS FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.**

10 **(D) THE UNIT SHALL:**

11 **(1) TRACK THE ALLOCATION TO THE STATE OF FEDERAL FUNDS**
12 **UNDER THE ACT AND ASSIST STATE AGENCIES IN BIDDING FOR COMPETITIVE**
13 **GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE ACT;**

14 **(2) TRACK NONCOMPETITIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE**
15 **UNDER THE ACT WHILE ENSURING ALIGNMENT WITH STATE PRIORITIES;**

16 **(3) PROJECT STATE AND LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
17 **FUNDING UNDER THE ACT;**

18 **(4) COORDINATE, WITH RESPECT TO THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL**
19 **FUNDS UNDER THE ACT, WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES, THE FEDERAL SENIOR ADVISOR**
20 **TO THE PRESIDENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATION, MARYLAND'S**
21 **CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND**

22 **(5) DEVELOP AN INITIAL STRATEGY AND GUIDING CRITERION FOR**
23 **THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE ACT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE**
24 **SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**
25 **COMMITTEE, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON:**

26 **(I) HOW THE FUNDS UNDER THE ACT WILL BE ALLOCATED**
27 **ACROSS THE STATE;**

28 **(II) HOW THE FUNDS CAN BEST BE USED TO ADVANCE EXISTING**
29 **STATE PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN RECENT LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE GENERAL**
30 **ASSEMBLY RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HISTORIC**
31 **PRESERVATION, AND SOCIOECONOMIC AND RACIAL JUSTICE GOALS; AND**

1 (III) SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT ARE EARMARKED TO THE STATE
2 UNDER THE ACT.

3 (E) THE CHIEF INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICER SHALL:

4 (1) ESTABLISH AN ONLINE DASHBOARD FUNCTIONING AS A
5 "ONE-STOP SHOP" OVERVIEW OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS UNDER THE ACT
6 AND SUBSEQUENT PROJECTS FUNDED IN PART OR ENTIRELY UNDER THE ACT FOR
7 REVIEW BY INTERESTED PARTIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D)(4) OF THIS
8 SECTION; AND

9 (2) ON OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, REPORT TO THE STATE TREASURER
10 AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE
11 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

12 (I) THE UNIT'S ACTIVITY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
13 CALENDAR YEAR;

14 (II) METRICS TO TRACK AND EVALUATE THE OVERALL
15 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNIT;

16 (III) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS
17 APPLIED FOR AND THE SUCCESS RATE OF GRANT AWARDS UNDER THE ACT; AND

18 (IV) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDS
19 AWARDED.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, within 5 days after
21 determining the schedule on which funds under the federal Infrastructure Investment and
22 Jobs Act of 2021 will be allocated to the State, the Chief Infrastructure Officer, established
23 in § 2-211 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this
24 Act, shall notify the Department of Legislative Services.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years after the date on which funds under
27 the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 are scheduled to be allocated to
28 the State and, after that 2-year period, with no further action required by the General
29 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.