## **HOUSE BILL 155**

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By: Delegate J. Lewis

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Maryland Energy Administration – Carbon Capture Opportunity Program – Establishment
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of establishing the Carbon Capture Opportunity Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to assist certain businesses engaged in carbon capture projects or carbon capture research; and generally relating to carbon capture in the State.
8 9 10 11 12	BY adding to Article – State Government Section 9–2016 Annotated Code of Maryland (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
13 14	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
15	Article – State Government

- 16 **9–2016.**
- 17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE CARBON CAPTURE 18 OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.
- 19 **(B)** THERE IS A CARBON CAPTURE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM IN THE 20 ADMINISTRATION.
- 21 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO 22 NONPROFIT AND FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES:

$\frac{1}{2}$	(1) THAT ARE ENGAGED IN CARBON CAPTURE PROJECTS OR CARBON CAPTURE RESEARCH; AND
3	(2) (I) THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE STATE; OR
4 5	(II) FOR WHICH THE CARBON CAPTURE PROJECTS OR CARBON CAPTURE RESEARCH IS LOCATED IN THE STATE.
6	(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:
7	(1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;
8	(2) ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM;
9 10	(3) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES;
11 12	(4) ASSIST PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES IN APPLYING FOR FEDERAL AND PRIVATE GRANT FUNDING; AND
13 14	(5) PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THROUGH USE OF:
15	(I) THE WEBSITE OF THE ADMINISTRATION; AND
16 17	(II) ANY SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITE WHERE THE ADMINISTRATION REGULARLY POSTS INFORMATION.
18 19	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, $2024$ .