

**HB1037/983424/1**

BY: Delegate Miller

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1037, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments (HB 1037/343229/1), in line 10 of Amendment No. 1, after “studies;” insert “altering the uses of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund;”; and in line 18, strike “7-1207” and substitute “7-1208”.

On page 1, of the bill, after line 16, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 9-20B-05(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 9-20B-05(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 22 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 12 of Amendment No. 2, after “**REPORT.**” insert:

**“7-1208.**

THE COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE OFFICE SHALL BE PAID WITH FUNDS FROM THE MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND.

Article – State Government

9–20B–05.

- (a) There is a Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.
- (f) The Administration shall use the Fund:
  - (1) to invest in the promotion, development, and implementation of:
    - (i) cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation programs, projects, or activities, including measurement and verification of energy savings;
    - (ii) renewable and clean energy resources;
    - (iii) climate change programs directly related to reducing or mitigating the effects of climate change; and
    - (iv) demand response programs that are designed to promote changes in electric usage by customers in response to:
      - 1. changes in the price of electricity over time; or
      - 2. incentives designed to induce lower electricity use at times of high wholesale market prices or when system reliability is jeopardized;
  - (2) to provide targeted programs, projects, activities, and investments to reduce electricity consumption by customers in the low-income and moderate-income residential sectors;
  - (3) to provide supplemental funds for low-income energy assistance through the Electric Universal Service Program established under § 7–512.1 of the Public Utilities Article and other electric assistance programs in the Department of Human Services;

(4) to provide rate relief by offsetting electricity rates of residential customers, including an offset of surcharges imposed on ratepayers under Title 7, Subtitle 2, Part II of the Public Utilities Article;

(5) to provide grants, loans, and other assistance and investment as necessary and appropriate to implement the purposes of the Program as set forth in § 9-20B-03 of this subtitle;

(6) to implement energy-related public education and outreach initiatives regarding reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions;

(7) to provide rebates under the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program established under § 9-2009 of this title;

(8) to provide grants to encourage combined heat and power projects at industrial facilities;

(9) to provide at least \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year for fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 to the Climate Technology Founder's Fund established under § 10-858 of the Economic Development Article;

(10) subject to subsection (f-2) of this section, to provide at least \$2,100,000 in funding each fiscal year to the Maryland Energy Innovation Fund established under § 10-835 of the Economic Development Article;

(11) to provide at least \$500,000 each year to the Resiliency Hub Grant Program Fund under § 9-2011 of this title;

(12) to provide grants through the Customer-Sited Solar Program under § 9-2016 of this title; [and]

(13) TO PAY FOR THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE STRATEGIC ENERGY PLANNING OFFICE; AND

(14) to pay the expenses of the Program.”.