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By: **Delegate Feldmark**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Technology Development Corporation – Investments – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to adopt
4 certain regulations regarding the consideration of remedies for investments in
5 certain businesses that no longer meet the definition of qualified business for
6 purposes of provisions of law governing the Corporation; authorizing, rather than
7 requiring, the Corporation to divest itself of an interest under certain circumstances;
8 authorizing the Corporation to pursue certain other remedies under certain
9 circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Technology Development
10 Corporation.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Economic Development
13 Section 10–401(a) and (c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Economic Development
18 Section 10–408(a) and 10–470
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – Economic Development**

2 10–401.

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

4 (c) “Corporation” means the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.

5 10–408.

6 (a) The Corporation shall adopt regulations establishing:

7 (1) the investment committee;

8 (2) the responsibilities of the investment committee, **INCLUDING A**
9 **PROCESS FOR CONSIDERING REMEDIES, INCLUDING DIVESTMENT, FOR**
10 **INVESTMENTS IN A BUSINESS THAT NO LONGER MEETS THE DEFINITION OF A**
11 **QUALIFIED BUSINESS;** and

12 (3) the procedures for the appointment of investment committee members.

13 10–470.

14 (a) The Corporation may require that all or part of a grant be repaid, with interest
15 at a rate the Corporation sets, when conditions specified by the Corporation occur.

16 (b) (1) Whenever the Corporation is authorized by law to make a grant,
17 including a grant from the Economic Development Opportunities Program Account
18 authorized under § 7–314 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Corporation
19 may use money appropriated for the grant to make an equity investment in a qualified
20 business.

21 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and
22 Subtitle 4A of this title, in making an equity investment under this subtitle or Subtitle 4A
23 of this title, the Corporation may not acquire an ownership interest in an enterprise that
24 exceeds 25%.

25 (ii) In making an equity investment under this subtitle or Subtitle
26 4A of this title in one or more venture or private equity firms, the Corporation may acquire
27 an ownership interest exceeding 25%.

28 (3) Within 15 years after making an equity investment under this subtitle
29 or Subtitle 4A of this title, the Corporation [shall], **ON REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE**
30 **CORPORATION’S INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, MAY** divest itself of that investment **OR**
31 **PURSUE ANOTHER REMEDY THAT IS IN THE CORPORATION’S BEST INTEREST.**

1 (4) The liability of the State and the Corporation in making an equity
2 investment under this subtitle or Subtitle 4A of this title is limited to the amount of that
3 investment.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.