

SENATE BILL 763

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By: Senator Guzzone

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Technology Development Corporation – Maryland Growth Initiative –**
3 **Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Growth Initiative in the Maryland
5 Technology Development Corporation to support the growth of start-up companies;
6 requiring the Initiative to create a certain list of companies in the State that are
7 between certain growth phases according to a certain priority; establishing the
8 Maryland Growth Initiative Fund to be administered by the Corporation as a special,
9 nonlapsing fund; requiring the interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the
10 Fund; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill
11 for the Initiative; and generally relating to the Maryland Growth Initiative.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Economic Development
14 Section 10–4E–01 through 10–4E–05 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4E.
15 Maryland Growth Initiative”
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

19 Article – State Finance and Procurement
20 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i) and (ii)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

24 Article – State Finance and Procurement
25 Section 6–226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213.
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – State Finance and Procurement
3 Section 6–226(a)(2)(iii)214.
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 9–4119(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Economic Development**

14 **SUBTITLE 4E. MARYLAND GROWTH INITIATIVE.**

15 **10–4E–01.**

16 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
17 INDICATED.

18 (B) “CORPORATION” MEANS THE MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY
19 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

20 (C) “FUND” MEANS THE MARYLAND GROWTH INITIATIVE FUND.

21 (D) “INITIATIVE” MEANS THE MARYLAND GROWTH INITIATIVE.

22 **10–4E–02.**

23 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND GROWTH INITIATIVE IN THE CORPORATION.

24 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE INITIATIVE IS TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF
25 START-UP COMPANIES IN THE STATE BY:

26 (1) IDENTIFYING PROMISING COMPANIES IN THE PHASE BETWEEN
27 EARLY START-UP DEVELOPMENT AND SCALING;

28 (2) PROVIDING ACCESS TO EXPERTS IN REGULATORY PROCESSES,
29 MANUFACTURING, CLINICAL TRIALS, MARKET LAUNCHES, AND OTHER AREAS OF
30 BUSINESS;

(3) FACILITATING PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN COMPANIES;

**(4) ASSISTING IN THE ACQUISITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING
ACE, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPORT FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT; AND**

(5) PROVIDING TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS EXPERTISE.

5 10-4E-03.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND GROWTH INITIATIVE FUND.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE POSTSEED AND SERIES A FUNDING TO QUALIFIED BUSINESSES IN THE STATE TO SCALE UP WITHOUT NEEDING TO RELOCATE.

(C) THE CORPORATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE
CONTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

(2) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT FUNDS;

(3) INTEREST EARNINGS; AND

(4) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
IT OF THE FUND.

(F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY:

(1) FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
ND

(2) TO PAY THE COSTS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE INITIATIVE.

(G) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
E SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

3 (H) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL
4 AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 FOR THE INITIATIVE.

8 10-4E-04.

9 (A) THE INITIATIVE SHALL CREATE A CURATED LIST OF COMPANIES IN THE
10 STATE THAT ARE BETWEEN THE START-UP AND SCALING PHASES.

(B) PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO COMPANIES THAT ARE:

(1) CURRENT OR PRIOR RECIPIENTS OF FUNDING FROM THE
MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE;

18 10-4E-05.

19 THE CORPORATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
20 SUBTITLE.

Article – State Finance and Procurement

22 6-226.

23 (a) (2) (i) This paragraph does not apply in fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

1 (iii) The provisions of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph do not
2 apply to the following funds:

5 213. the Population Health Improvement Fund; AND

214. THE MARYLAND GROWTH INITIATIVE FUND.

Article – State Government

8 9-4119.

9 (a) This section applies to the following minority business enterprises:

10 (1) a publicly owned business if 1 or more minority persons own at least
11 51% of the stock of the business; or

12 (2) any other business if 1 or more minority persons own at least 50% of
13 the business.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2026.