

HOUSE BILL 155

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CF SB 384

By: **Delegate J. Lewis**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 1, 2024

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Energy Administration – Carbon Capture Opportunity Program**
3 **– Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Carbon Capture Opportunity Program in the
5 Maryland Energy Administration to assist certain businesses engaged in carbon
6 capture projects or carbon capture research; and generally relating to carbon capture
7 in the State.

8 BY adding to
9 Article – State Government
10 Section 9–2016
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 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.**

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.



(B) THERE IS A CARBON CAPTURE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO NONPROFIT AND FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES:

(1) THAT ARE ENGAGED IN CARBON CAPTURE PROJECTS OR CARBON CAPTURE RESEARCH; AND

(2) (I) THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE STATE; OR

(II) FOR WHICH THE CARBON CAPTURE PROJECTS OR CARBON CAPTURE RESEARCH IS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(1) USE EXISTING RESOURCES TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;

(2) ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM;

(3) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES;

(4) ASSIST PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES IN APPLYING FOR FEDERAL AND PRIVATE GRANT FUNDING; AND

(5) PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THROUGH USE OF:

(I) THE WEBSITE OF THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

(II) ANY SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITE WHERE THE ADMINISTRATION REGULARLY POSTS INFORMATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.