

SENATE BILL 781

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By: **Senator James**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of**
3 **Maryland – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of renaming the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of
5 Maryland to be the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland;
6 altering the purposes and duties of the Partnership and composition of the Executive
7 Board of the Partnership; renaming the Regional Additive Manufacturing
8 Partnership of Maryland Fund to be the Regional Advanced Manufacturing
9 Partnership of Maryland Fund; and generally relating to the Regional Additive
10 Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland and advanced manufacturing.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Economic Development
13 Section 13–1201, 13–1202(a) and (c), 13–1203(b), 13–1207(2), (3), and (5), and
14 13–1211(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – State Finance and Procurement
19 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – State Finance and Procurement
24 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)79.
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Economic Development**

4 13–1201.

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

6 (b) [“Additive manufacturing” means a process of joining materials to make
7 objects from three–dimensional model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to
8 subtractive manufacturing methodologies.

9 (c) [“Board” means the Executive Board of the Partnership.

10 [(d)] (C) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Partnership.

11 [(e)] (D) “Fund” means the Regional [Additive] **ADVANCED** Manufacturing
12 Partnership of Maryland Fund, also known as the RAMP MD Fund.

13 [(f)] (E) “Partnership” means the Regional [Additive] **ADVANCED**
14 Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland, also known as RAMP MD.

15 [(g)] (F) “Region” means Cecil and Harford counties.

16 13–1202.

17 (a) There is a Regional [Additive] **ADVANCED** Manufacturing Partnership of
18 Maryland.

19 (c) The purposes of the Partnership are to:

20 (1) foster the economic development of the region by:

21 (i) promoting collaboration among government, businesses,
22 educational institutions, and entrepreneurs and innovators; and

23 (ii) leveraging the established [additive] **ADVANCED** manufacturing
24 investments in the region, including the facilities at Aberdeen Proving Ground; and

25 (2) position the State as a leader in [additive] **ADVANCED** manufacturing.

26 13–1203.

27 (b) (1) The Board consists of the members described in this subsection.

- 1 (2) The voting members of the Board are:
- 2 (i) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee;
- 3 (ii) the President of Harford Community College, or the President's
4 designee;
- 5 (iii) the President of Cecil College, or the President's designee;
- 6 (iv) the President of Towson University, or the President's designee;
- 7 (v) one representative of the Governor's Workforce Development
8 Board, appointed by the Executive Director of the Board;
- 9 (vi) the Commanding General of Aberdeen Proving Ground, or the
10 Commanding General's designee;
- 11 (vii) the Director of the Regional Manufacturing Institute, or the
12 Director's designee;
- 13 (viii) the Superintendent of the Harford County Public Schools, or the
14 Superintendent's designee;
- 15 (ix) the Superintendent of the Cecil County Public Schools, or the
16 Superintendent's designee;
- 17 (x) the County Executive of Cecil County, or the County Executive's
18 designee;
- 19 (xi) the County Executive of Harford County, or the County
20 Executive's designee;
- 21 (xii) one representative of the Susquehanna Workforce Network,
22 appointed by the Executive Director of the network;
- 23 (xiii) one representative of the Army Alliance, appointed by the
24 Executive Director of the alliance;
- 25 (xiv) one representative of the Northeastern Maryland Technology
26 Council, appointed by the Executive Director of the council;
- 27 (xv) the Director of the Cecil County Public Library, or the Director's
28 designee;
- 29 (xvi) the Director of the Harford County Public Library, or the
30 Director's designee;

1 (xvii) [at least one representative of 3D Maryland, appointed by the
2 Director of 3D Maryland;

3 (xviii)] one representative of the Maryland Manufacturing
4 Advisory Board, appointed by the Chair of the Board;

5 [(xix)] (XVIII) at least six representatives of industry who reflect
6 the influential and emerging industries using [additive] **ADVANCED** manufacturing as
7 determined by the Department, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce; and

8 [(xx)] (XIX) at least one representative of each organization focused on
9 [additive] **ADVANCED** manufacturing in the State that is interested in collaborating with
10 the Partnership, appointed by the Director of the representative's respective organization.

11 (3) In addition to the voting members, the Executive Director of the
12 Partnership shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member of the Board.

13 (4) To the extent practicable, the members of the Board shall reasonably
14 reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State.

15 13–1207.

16 To further the purposes of this subtitle, the Partnership shall:

17 (2) facilitate the involvement of Harford Community College, Cecil College,
18 Towson University, and other segments of the higher education community in developing
19 and sustaining a skilled [additive] **ADVANCED** manufacturing workforce through degree,
20 certification, specialized training, and continuing education programs;

21 (3) assist the Cecil County and Harford County public school systems in
22 preparing students for employment in the [additive] **ADVANCED** manufacturing workforce;

23 (5) obtain, coordinate, and disseminate marketing resources to promote
24 and enhance [additive] **ADVANCED** manufacturing opportunities and investment in the
25 region;

26 13–1211.

27 (a) There is a Regional [Additive] **ADVANCED** Manufacturing Partnership of
28 Maryland Fund.

29 Article – State Finance and Procurement

30 6–226.

1 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
2 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
3 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
4 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
5 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
6 Fund of the State.

7 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
8 to the following funds:

9 79. the Regional [Additive] **ADVANCED** Manufacturing
10 Partnership of Maryland Fund;

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2024.