

Department of Business and Economic Development to seek certain moneys for the Program; making the Program contingent on the allocation to the Program of ~~a certain percentage of the money appropriated in the State budget to the Maryland Port Administration for certain uses~~ Department of Transportation; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to allocate certain money appropriated to it after certain conditions are met; ~~requiring the Administration to be responsible for transporting and the costs of transporting dredge dredged material to certain facilities~~; defining certain terms; requiring recipients of financial assistance from the Program to submit certain reports on a certain basis to the Department of Business and Economic Development; authorizing the Department to impose terms and conditions on financial assistance provided from the Program; requiring, on or before a certain date, the Maryland Department of Transportation to submit a certain report to certain persons; and generally relating to the ~~Dredge~~ Dredged Material Disposal Alternatives Program.

BY adding to

Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development

Section 6-801 ~~through 6-803, inclusive,~~ and 6-802 to be under the new subtitle
 “Subtitle 8. ~~Dredge~~ Dredged Material Disposal Alternatives Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Preamble

WHEREAS, The shipping channels for the Port of Baltimore, including the main channels and anchorages in and adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay and its approaches, must undergo dredging in order to maintain channel depth necessary for the economic viability of the Port; and

WHEREAS, ~~Dredge~~ Dredged material has economic value and is a sustainable, replenishable resource; and

WHEREAS, There is a pressing need to work within a climate of limited financial resources to fulfill the stewardship responsibilities for the infrastructure of Maryland’s water resources; and

WHEREAS, Innovative solutions can facilitate the successful management of materials dredged from the Chesapeake Bay and the Port of Baltimore, create jobs and economic growth, and retain existing jobs; and

WHEREAS, The beneficial reuse and conversion of ~~dredge~~ dredged material into end products that have economic value will result in a self-sustaining program for the reuse of ~~dredge~~ dredged material and in the creation of renewable ~~dredge~~ dredged material disposal options for future maritime disposal needs; now, therefore,

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