

(B) "CENTR MARYLAND PROGRAM" OR "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COORDINATING EMERGING NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-447 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) "FUND" MEANS THE COORDINATING EMERGING NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH IN MARYLAND FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-448 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) "NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY" MEANS THE APPLICATION OF NANOTECHNOLOGY TO THE LIFE SCIENCES INCLUDING RESEARCH RELATING TO THE CHARACTERIZATION OF NANOMATERIALS FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY IMPLICATIONS.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(1) NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY OFFERS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL TO REVOLUTIONIZE MEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCH AND TO ENABLE DISCOVERIES THAT WILL ENRICH AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE;

(2) THE PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS IS VITAL TO SUPPORTING THIS EMERGING TECHNOLOGY; AND

(3) FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS AMONG FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES, AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WILL HELP SECURE THE STATE'S POSITION AS A LEADER IN NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND ASSIST IN SECURING THE STATE'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.

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(A) THERE IS A COORDINATING EMERGING NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH IN MARYLAND PROGRAM.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE CENTR MARYLAND PROGRAM IS TO:

(1) SUPPORT AND PROMOTE ADVANCED RESEARCH IN NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY IN THE STATE;

(2) SUPPORT NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS; AND