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H. R. 7788

To authorize the Chesapeake Bay Program Office to serve as a member of certain State watershed programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2026

Ms. ELFRETH (for herself, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. MFUME, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maryland Whole Wa-
5 tershed Program Federal Partnership Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM OFFICE AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chesapeake Bay Program
8 Office shall serve as an advisory member of the State
9 Management Team for the Maryland Whole Watershed

1 Program and any other substantially similar program in
2 a State.

3 (b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out sub-
4 section (a), the Chesapeake Bay Program Office is author-
5 ized to—

6 (1) coordinate with State and local governments
7 and Federal agencies; and

8 (2) provide technical assistance and financial
9 resources for projects carried out in the Chesapeake
10 Bay watershed.

11 (c) CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM OFFICE DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “Chesapeake Bay Pro-
13 gram Office” means the office established and maintained
14 pursuant to section 117(b) of the Federal Water Pollution
15 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1267(b)).

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