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S. 3986

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2026

Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 of 2026”.

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

7 (a) CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM OFFICE DE-
8 FINED.—In this section, the term “Chesapeake Bay Pro-
9 gram Office” means the office established and maintained

1 pursuant to section 117(b)(2) of the Federal Water Pollu-
2 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1267(b)(2)).

3 (b) PROGRAM OFFICE AUTHORITY.—The Chesa-
4 peake Bay Program Office shall serve as an advisory mem-
5 ber of the State Management Team for the Maryland
6 Whole Watershed Program and any other substantially
7 similar program in a State.

8 (c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out sub-
9 section (b), the Chesapeake Bay Program Office may—

10 (1) coordinate with State and local governments
11 and Federal agencies; and

12 (2) provide technical assistance and financial
13 resources for projects carried out in the Chesapeake
14 Bay watershed.

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