

104TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 937

To reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Chesapeake Bay Estuarine Resources Office, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16 (legislative day, JUNE 5), 1995

Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. ROBB) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

To reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chesapeake Bay Estuarine Resources Office, and for other purposes.

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. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4       Section 2 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

5 Administration Marine Fisheries Program Authorization

6 Act (Public Law 98-210; 97 Stat. 1409) is amended—

7           (1) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
8       following new subsection:

1       “(e) CHESAPEAKE BAY ESTUARINE RESOURCES OF-  
2 FICE.—

3           “(1) OPERATION OF CHESAPEAKE BAY ESTUA-  
4 RINE RESOURCES OFFICE.—Of the sums authorized  
5 under subsection (a), to operate the Chesapeake Bay  
6 Estuarine Resources Office established under section  
7 307 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
8 ministration Authorization Act of 1992 (15 U.S.C.  
9 1511d), there are authorized to be appropriated—

10           “(A) \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years  
11 1996 and 1997; and

12           “(B) \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
13 1998 through 2000.

14           “(2) FUNDING FOR OYSTER DISEASE INVE-  
15 STIGATIONS.—Of the sums authorized under sub-  
16 section (a), to fund a program of investigations of  
17 oyster disease described in subsection (f), there are  
18 authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for each  
19 of fiscal years 1996 through 2000.

20           “(3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more  
21 than 20 percent of the amounts authorized to be ap-  
22 propriated under this subsection may be used for ad-  
23 ministrative expenses of the Chesapeake Bay Estua-  
24 rine Resources Office.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-section:

3        "(f)    OYSTER    DISEASE    INVESTIGATIONS.—The  
4 Chesapeake Bay Estuarine Resources Office established  
5 under section 307 of the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
6 pheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 (15  
7 U.S.C. 1511d) shall conduct a program of investigations  
8 to—

9           “(1) improve the understanding of the etiology  
10          of the diseases of the eastern oyster (*Crassostrea*  
11          *virginica*); and

12               “(2) provide new scientific and management  
13               tools to counteract the consequences of diseases of  
14               oysters in the coastal waters of the United States,  
15               with particular emphasis on diseases of oysters in  
16               the Chesapeake Bay.”.

17 SEC. 2. AUTHORITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHESA-  
18 PEAKE BAY ESTUARINE RESOURCES OFFICE.

19       Section 307(a) of the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
20   pheric Administration Act of 1992 (15 U.S.C. 1511d(a))  
21   is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting "and oper-  
23 ate" after "establish"; and

24 (2) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the  
25 following new paragraph:

1       “(3) To carry out this section, the Director may—

2           “(A) appoint such additional personnel as may  
3           be necessary; and

4           “(B) transfer funds to another Federal depart-  
5           ment or agency or provide financial assistance to a  
6           department or agency of a State or political subdivi-  
7           sion thereof or a nonprofit organization for conduct-  
8           ing research, assessment, monitoring, data manage-  
9           ment, or outreach activities.”.

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