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# S. 829

To reauthorize and improve the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration and Protection Program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 2003

Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SPECTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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. CHESAPEAKE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORA-**  
4 **TION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM.**

5 Section 510 of the Water Resources Development Act  
6 of 1996 (110 Stat. 3759) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

8 (A) by striking “The assistance” and in-  
9 serting the following:

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The assistance”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(B) AGREEMENTS.—In providing assist-  
 3 ance under this subsection, the Secretary may  
 4 enter into 1 or more cooperative agreements, to  
 5 provide for public involvement and education  
 6 and other project needs, with—

7 “(i) federally designated coastal eco-  
 8 system learning centers; and

9 “(ii) such nonprofit, nongovernmental  
 10 organizations as the Secretary determines  
 11 to be appropriate.”;

12 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the  
 13 following:

14 “(3) NONPROFIT ENTITIES.—Notwithstanding  
 15 section 221 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 (42  
 16 U.S.C. 1962d–5b), a non-Federal interest for any  
 17 project carried out under this section may include,  
 18 with the consent of the affected local government, a  
 19 nonprofit entity.”;

20 (3) in subsection (d)(2)(A)—

21 (A) in the heading, by striking “AND RE-  
 22 LOCATIONS” and inserting “RELOCATIONS, AND  
 23 IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS”; and

24 (B) by striking “and relocations” and in-  
 25 serting “relocations, and in-kind contributions”;

1 (4) by striking subsection (i);

2 (5) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-  
3 section (i);

4 (6) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(h) SMALL WATERSHED GRANTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
8 lish a program, to be administered by the National  
9 Fish and Wildlife Foundation, to provide small wa-  
10 tershed grants for technical and financial assistance  
11 to local governments and nonprofit organizations in  
12 the Chesapeake Bay region.

13 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—A local government or  
14 nonprofit organization that receives a grant under  
15 paragraph (1) shall use funds from the grant only  
16 for implementation of cooperative tributary basin  
17 strategies that address the establishment, restora-  
18 tion, protection, or enhancement of habitat associ-  
19 ated with the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem.”; and

20 (7) by inserting after subsection (i) (as redesign-  
21 ated by paragraph (5)) the following:

22 “(j) FUNDING.—

23 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
24 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
25 this section \$30,000,000.

1           “(2) ANNUAL GRANT EXPENDITURE.—Of the  
2           amount made available under paragraph (1) to carry  
3           out this section for a fiscal year, not more than 10  
4           percent may be used to carry out subsection (h) for  
5           the fiscal year.”.

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