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S. 4684

To provide for the implementation of dredged material management plans
at certain federally authorized harbors, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2022

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN) 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 “Lake Erie Water Qual-
5 ity Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army (re-
8 ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall prioritize
9 implementation of section 125(c) of the Water Resources

1 Development Act of 2020 (33 U.S.C. 2326h) at federally
2 authorized harbors in the State of Ohio.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each dredged material man-
4 agement plan prepared by the Secretary under section
5 125(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020
6 (33 U.S.C. 2326h) for a federally authorized harbor in
7 the State of Ohio shall—

8 (1) include, in the baseline conditions, a prohi-
9 bition on use of funding for open-lake disposal of
10 dredged material consistent with section 105 of the
11 Energy and Water Development and Related Agen-
12 cies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103;
13 136 Stat. 217); and

14 (2) maximize beneficial use of dredged material
15 under the base plan and under section 204(d) of the
16 Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (33
17 U.S.C. 2326(d)).

18 (c) SAVINGS PROVISION.—This section does not—

19 (1) impose a prohibition on use of funding for
20 open-lake disposal of dredged material; or

21 (2) require the development or implementation
22 of a dredged material management plan in accord-
23 ance with subsection (b) if use of funding for open-
24 lake disposal is not otherwise prohibited by law.

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