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# S 1494

NOAA Chesapeake Bay Watershed Monitoring, Education, Training, and Restoration Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jul 26, 2005

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as

introduced: CR S8957-8958) (Jul 26, 2005)

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### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • State: MD • Chamber: Senate

# Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Jul 26, 2005
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	$D\cdotMD$		Jul 26, 2005
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Jul 26, 2005
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 27, 2005

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 26, 2005

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4126	Related bill	Sep 20, 2006: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
109 S 1490	Related bill	<b>Jul 26</b> , <b>2005</b> : Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8953-8954)
109 S 1491	Related bill	<b>Jul 26, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8954-8955)
109 S 1492	Related bill	<b>Jul 26, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8955-8956)
109 S 1493	Related bill	<b>Jul 26, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8956-8957)

NOAA Chesapeake Bay Watershed Monitoring, Education, Training, and Restoration Act - Requires the Director of the Chesapeake Bay Office, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), to establish a Chesapeake Bay Integrated Observing System.

Directs the System to coordinate existing monitoring and observing activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, identify new data collection needs, and deploy new technologies to provide a complete set of environmental information needed to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Requires the Director to establish programs for: (1) watershed education and training; and (2) watershed stock enhancement and habit restoration.

Authorizes the Director to make grants and enter into contracts with an institution of higher education to support education in Chesapeake Bay aquaculture sciences and technologies, including to develop aquaculture processes and technologies to improve production of disease-free oyster spat and submerged aquatic vegetation.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Jul 26, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 26, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8951-8953)
- Jul 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8957-8958)