

## HR 1650

Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Apr 15, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs. (Apr 27, 2011)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2011 - Amends the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 to revise research, management, and program provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

States that the Director of the Office shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Office and implementation of such Act.

Requires the Director to: (1) implement the program activities of the Chesapeake Executive Council, (2) ensure that projects have scientific and technical merit and have undergone appropriate peer review, (3) consult with the Council, and (4) report biennially to Congress and to the Secretary of Commerce regarding activities to protect the Chesapeake Bay.

Authorizes the Director to: (1) collaborate with scientific and academic institutions, state and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other constituents to support an integrated observations system for the Chesapeake Bay; (2) support the establishment and implementation of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail; (3) incorporate the Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System into the Integrated Ocean Observing System regional network of observatories; (4) establish a Chesapeake Bay watershed education and training program (authorizes related grants); (5) establish a Chesapeake Bay coastal living resources management and habitat program to support management of priority Chesapeake Bay habitats and living resources, including oysters, blue crabs, and submerged aquatic vegetation; and (6) accept donations of funds, property, and services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 27, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Apr 15, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E756)
- **Apr 15, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.