



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 1012: Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 - Part II, Subpart II-E: Dam Safety Grant Fund

Analysis of: S.L. 2025-26, Subpart II-E

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Subpart II-E of S.L. 2025-26 (House Bill 1012) creates, within the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), a special, nonreverting account known as the Dam Safety Grant Fund (Fund) to issue grants to eligible dam owners for the purpose of dam repair, modification, or removal, if the dam was damaged by a natural disaster. In administering the Fund, DEQ's Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resource shall prioritize grants to serve as the State match for eligible projects based on the Risk-Based Prioritization Method established under the federal High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Rehabilitation Grant Program. Grants from the Fund may also be awarded to projects not eligible for the federal match pursuant to the HHPD Rehabilitation Grant Program if the dam was damaged by a natural disaster and classified as high hazard. DEQ must report annually to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources on the Fund and grants disbursed from the Fund.

This section became effective June 27, 2025.

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