

**House Amendment to S. 4367, *Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024*
Section-by-Section**

Sec. 101. Short title; Table of Contents.

This section provides that the Act may be cited as the “*Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024*”. This section also includes the table of contents for the bill.

Division A — Water Resources Development

Sec. 1001. Short title.

This section provides that this division may be cited as the “*Water Resources Development Act of 2024*”.

Sec. 1002. Secretary defined.

This section provides that in this division the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Army.

Title I—General Provisions

Subtitle A—General Matters

Sec. 1101. Outreach and access.

This section directs the Secretary to designate a community project advisor at each district and division office to provide information about ongoing studies and projects at each district of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and to educate non-Federal interests about operations, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation responsibilities associated with a water resources development project.

Sec. 1102. Notice to Congress regarding WRDA implementation.

This section directs the Secretary to develop a comprehensive plan to implement this *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)* and prior *WRDAs*, including by identifying and addressing provisions from prior *WRDAs* that have not been fully implemented and by establishing a *WRDA* implementation team.

Sec. 1103. Vertical integration and acceleration of studies.

This section modifies the Federal requirements for future feasibility studies.

Sec. 1104. Minimum real estate interest.

This section directs the Secretary to identify and utilize the minimum real estate interest required for authorized water resources development projects and report back to Congress when the Secretary requires the use of fee simple title, where the non-Federal interest requested the use of something less than fee simple title.

Sec. 1105. Review process.

This section directs the Secretary to provide clear guidance and technical assistance for modifications of Corps-built structures by non-Federal entities.

Sec. 1106. Processing timelines.

This section requires the Secretary to make timely updates to its online “permit finder” to accurately reflect the current status of projects for which a certain permit was, or is being, processed.

Sec. 1107. Continuing authority programs.

This section modifies authorizations for the Corps’ continuing authority programs (CAPs); it also adds drought resilience measures and a pilot program for alternative project delivery of CAP projects.

Sec. 1108. Stormwater management projects.

This section establishes a new CAP to carry out projects to control, retain, and reuse stormwater associated with flood control efforts.

Sec. 1109. Study of water resources development projects by non-Federal interests.

This section clarifies requirements for a non-Federal interest carrying out an authorized study of an authorized project or a study of a modification for an authorized project.

Sec. 1110. Construction of water resources development projects by non-Federal interests.

This section clarifies requirements for a non-Federal interest carrying out construction of an authorized project.

Sec. 1111. Annual report to Congress.

This section requires the Secretary to notify non-Federal interests if their submission was not included in the annual 7001 report to Congress and to notify relevant Congressional delegations of the requests that were included in that report or its appendix.

Sec. 1112. Service of volunteers.

This section allows the Secretary to recognize the contributions of volunteers carrying out activities of the Corps.

Sec. 1113. Nonrecreation outgrant policy.

This section directs the Secretary to update policy guidance for the evaluation and approval of non-recreational real estate outgrant requests for the installation of broadband infrastructure on lands and waters operated and maintained by the Corps.

Sec. 1114. Silver Jackets program.

This section directs the Secretary to continue the Silver Jackets Program, which establishes interagency teams that work with non-Federal interests on collaborative solutions for certain flood risk management issues.

Sec. 1115. Support of Army civil works missions.

This section authorizes the Secretary to enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with certain universities to conduct research in support of the Corps’ civil works missions.

Sec. 1116. Temporary relocation assistance pilot program.

This section amends section 8154 of *WRDA 2022* to include the Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Project, Virginia.

Sec. 1117. Harbor deepening.

This section modifies the depth at which Federal ports and harbors projects can receive Federal assistance for construction and operation and maintenance.

Sec. 1118. Inland waterways regional dredge pilot program.

This section modifies considerations for the Inland Waterways Regional Dredge Pilot Program.

Sec. 1119. Dredge material disposal facility partnerships.

The section allows non-Federal entities to utilize certain non-Federal disposal facilities managed by the Secretary for dredged material disposal with permission from the facility owner and the Secretary. The Secretary is authorized to perform disposition evaluations for non-Federal disposal facilities not utilized for 20 years, if requested by the owner of such facility.

Sec. 1120. Real estate administrative fees.

This section directs the Secretary to develop guidance to standardize processes for developing, updating, and tracking real estate administrative fees administered by the Corps.

Sec. 1121. Databases of Corps recreational sites.

This section directs the Secretary to regularly update publicly available databases with information about Corps recreational sites, such as their operational status and recreational opportunities.

Sec. 1122. Project studies subject to independent external peer review.

This section makes the authority for Independent External Peer Review panels permanent.

Sec. 1123. National coastal mapping program.

This section authorizes the Secretary to carry out a National coastal mapping program to provide recurring mapping of coastlines to support navigation, flood risk management, environmental restoration, and emergency operations projects.

Sec. 1124. Removal of abandoned vessels.

This section authorizes the Secretary to remove certain abandoned vessels.

Sec. 1125. Missouri River existing features protection.

This section requires the Secretary to mitigate for certain actions in the Missouri River.

Sec. 1126. Inland waterway projects.

This section adjusts the share of costs derived from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund for authorized navigation projects on the inland waterways.

Sec. 1127. Planning assistance for States.

This section allows the Secretary to conduct title research for abandoned structures.

Sec. 1128. Expedited consideration.

This section extends the authority for expedited consideration of certain water resources development related bills in the Senate.

Sec. 1129. Emerging harbors.

This section requires the Secretary to issue guidance and to develop a mechanism to accept funds from a non-Federal interest for the purpose of maintenance dredging.

Sec. 1130. Maximization of beneficial use.

This section encourages additional beneficial reuse of dredged materials by making the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Pilot program permanent, increasing the use of regional sediment management plans, and codifying the Corps' goal of beneficially using 70 percent of dredged material.

Sec. 1131. Economic, hydraulic, and hydrologic modeling.

This section directs the Secretary to collaborate with Federal and state agencies, National Laboratories, and non-profit research institutions, including institutions of higher education, to develop economic, hydraulic, and hydrologic models for use in water resource development projects.

Sec. 1132. Improvements to National Dam Safety Program.

This section amends the National Dam Safety Program Act, including by reauthorizing the National Dam Safety Program through 2028, modifying the High Hazard Potential Dam program, and requiring that rehabilitated dams are maintained and appropriate floodplain management plans are in place.

Sec. 1133. Funding to process permits.

This section amends section 214 of *WRDA 2000* to include Indian Tribes.

Sec. 1134. Harmful algal bloom demonstration program.

This section directs the Secretary to prioritize program activities under section 128 of *WRDA 2020* that reduce nutrient pollution, utilize natural and nature-based approaches, protect wetlands, develop technologies for detecting harmful algal blooms, and combine removal with beneficial uses.

Sec. 1135. Corrosion prevention.

This section encourages the Secretary to coordinate with apprenticeship programs and utilize National standard best practices when conducting corrosion prevention activities.

Sec. 1136. Federal breakwaters and jetties.

This section authorizes the Secretary to repair and maintain certain pile dikes.

Sec. 1137. Eligibility for inter-Tribal consortiums.

This section clarifies that Tribal organizations and inter-Tribal consortiums are eligible entities under the Tribal Partnership Program (TPP).

Sec. 1138. Shoreline and riverine protection and restoration.

This section adds the Winooski River tributary watershed, Vermont, and the shoreline of the State of Connecticut and to a list of areas that are prioritized for eligible projects under section 212 of *WRDA 1999*.

Sec. 1139. Ability to pay.

This section clarifies the Secretary's authority to assess the ability of non-Federal interests to pay for water resources development projects and requires the Secretary to report annually to Congress on these determinations.

Sec. 1140. Tribal partnership program.

This section modifies the TPP, including by making the program permanent. It also creates a pilot program for certain projects off Tribal lands but related to Tribal treaty rights.

Sec. 1141. Tribal project implementation pilot program.

This section creates a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of a certain project delivery method.

Sec. 1142. Federal interest determinations.

This section clarifies Congressional intent related to the existing Federal interest determinations authority for feasibility studies.

Sec. 1143. Watershed and river basin assessments.

This section includes additional locations for watershed-based studies under section 729 of *WRDA 1986* and authorizes certain feasibility studies.

Sec. 1144. Control of aquatic plant growths and invasive species.

This section authorizes the Secretary to work with non-Federal interests on monitoring and contingency planning for invasive species and adds the Connecticut River Basin to the program.

Sec. 1145. Easements for hurricane and storm damage reduction projects.

This section directs the Secretary to provide flexibility and transparency for real estate requirements for hurricane and storm damage reduction projects. This section also provides two years for certain authorized hurricane and storm damage reduction projects to come into compliance with the Corps' real estate requirements.

Sec. 1146. Systemwide improvement framework and encroachments.

This section revises the process to bring a levee system back into compliance for assistance and manages certain encroachments to flood control works.

Sec. 1147. Remote and subsistence harbors.

This section expands eligibility for projects that support remote and subsistence harbors.

Sec. 1148. Treatment of projects in covered communities.

This section directs the Secretary to evaluate the potential impacts of inaccessibility for certain communities in delivering water resources development projects.

Sec. 1149. Remote operations at Corps dams.

This section implements certain requirements for the use of remote operation activities at water resources development projects.

Sec. 1150. Reporting and oversight.

This section requires the Secretary to submit a report detailing the status of certain reports that Congress has previously directed the Corps to complete, as well as an annual report on newly authorized reports. It also directs the Secretary to issue certain guidance.

Sec. 1151. Alternate seaports.

This section includes a Sense of Congress that meeting the maintenance requirements at alternate seaports is important for national security. It also requires the Secretary to submit a report outlining the operation and maintenance backlogs for Corps of Engineers projects at alternative seaports.

Sec. 1152. Columbia River Basin.

This section provides authorization for interim pre-planned flood storage to minimize the flood risk in the Columbia River Basin.

Sec. 1153. Challenge cost-sharing program for management of recreation facilities.

This section authorizes a private, non-profit entity to partner with the Corps on the operation and management of a Corps recreation facility.

Sec. 1154. Retention of recreation fees.

This section authorizes Corps recreation facilities to retain a certain amount of the recreation fees collected.

Sec. 1155. Sense of Congress related to water data.

This section includes a Sense of Congress that the Secretary should develop and implement a framework for integrating, sharing, and using water data for the purpose of improving water resources management.

Sec. 1156. Sense of Congress relating to comprehensive benefits.

This section includes a Sense of Congress that the Secretary should follow specific Corps' guidance and policy directives to evaluate comprehensive benefits when developing feasibility studies.

Subtitle B—Grace F. Napolitano Priority for Water Supply, Water Conservation, and Drought Resiliency Act of 2024

Sec. 1160. Short title.

This section provides the short title of this subtitle as the “*Grace F. Napolitano Priority for Water Supply, Water Conservation, and Drought Resiliency Act of 2024*”.

Sec. 1161. Declaration of policy.

This section establishes that it is the policy of the Corps to maximize opportunities to utilize the water supply-related authorities of the Corps, and to give full consideration of water supply projects, water conservation measures, and drought resiliency measures at, or in operating, water resource projects.

Sec. 1162. Forecast-informed reservoir operations.

This section directs the Corps to incorporate the use of forecast-informed reservoir operations in updating a water control manual for any reservoir constructed, owned, or operated by the Secretary. This section also directs the Corps to assess additional areas for integrating forecast-informed reservoir operations.

Sec. 1163. Updates to certain water control manuals.

This section directs the Secretary to prioritize the update of water control manuals that incorporate the use of forecast-informed reservoir operations into such manuals.

Sec. 1164. Emergency drought operations pilot program.

This section establishes a pilot program for emergency drought operations in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

Sec. 1165. Leveraging Federal infrastructure for increased water supply.

This section allows the Secretary to accept funds from a non-Federal interest or another Federal agency for the purpose of water control manual updates.

Title II—Studies and Reports

Sec. 1201. Authorization of proposed feasibility studies.

This section authorizes the Secretary to carry out more than 200 new feasibility studies.

Sec. 1202. Expedited modification of existing feasibility studies.

This section directs the Secretary to expedite the completion of certain modifications of previously authorized feasibility studies.

Sec. 1203. Expedited completion.

This section directs the Secretary to expedite the completion of various studies and projects that have previously been authorized.

Sec. 1204. Expedited completion of other feasibility studies.

This section directs the Secretary to expedite the review and coordination of various feasibility studies that are carried out by non-Federal sponsors.

Sec. 1205. Corps of Engineers Reports.

This section directs the Secretary to develop various reports to Congress, including on recreational access on Corps facilities for individuals with disabilities; turbidity in the Willamette Valley; Soo Locks security; sea grass rehabilitation; shoreline use permits; relocation policies;

fuel efficiency; Corps' boat ramps; Corps' bridge inventory; minimum real estate interest; ice jam prevention and mitigation; and Corps' authorities abroad.

Sec. 1206. Annual report on harbor maintenance needs and trust fund expenditures.

This section requires an annual report on operations and maintenance costs at harbors and inland harbors and the distribution of funds from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

Sec. 1207. Craig Harbor, Alaska.

This section modifies the general reevaluation report for Craig Harbor, Alaska.

Sec. 1208. Studies for modification of project purposes in the Colorado River Basin in Arizona.

This section authorizes the Secretary to carry out feasibility studies for modifications to certain Corps projects in the state of Arizona.

Sec. 1209. Beaver Lake, Arkansas, reallocation study.

This section expedites completion of a water reallocation study for Beaver Lake, Arkansas.

Sec. 1210. Oceanside, California.

This section directs the Secretary to expedite completion of the Oceanside, California shoreline study and produce a recommended plan.

Sec. 1211. Delaware Inland Bays Watershed Study.

This section directs the Secretary to conduct a watershed study to restore aquatic ecosystems in the Delaware Inland Bays Watershed.

Sec. 1212. Sussex County, Delaware.

This section authorizes a general reevaluation report for the Delaware Bay Coastline project.

Sec. 1213. J. Strom Thurmond Lake, Georgia.

This section directs the Secretary to develop an encroachment resolution plan related to the portion of the J. Strom Thurmond Lake in Georgia.

Sec. 1214. Algiers Canal Levees, Louisiana.

This section clarifies the responsibility of the Secretary at the West Bank and Vicinity, New Orleans, Louisiana Hurricane Protection Project along the Algiers Canal.

Sec. 1215. Upper Barataria Basin and Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico Connection, Louisiana.

This section directs the Secretary to evaluate a connection between the Upper Barataria Basin project and the Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico project in Louisiana.

Sec. 1216. Poor Farm Pond Dam, Worcester, Massachusetts.

This section directs the Secretary to perform a disposition study for the deauthorization and potential removal of the Poor Farm Pond Dam, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Sec. 1217. New Jersey hot spot erosion mitigation.

This section directs the Secretary to study the effects of hot spot erosion on authorized coastal storm risk management projects in the State of New Jersey and provide recommendations for mitigating the effects.

Sec. 1218. New Jersey Shore protection, New Jersey.

This section modifies an existing study authority to include recommendations for ecosystem restoration.

Sec. 1219. Excess land report for certain projects in North Dakota.

This section requires the Secretary to complete a report on real property associated with the Corps project at Lake Oahe in North Dakota.

Sec. 1220. Allegheny River, Pennsylvania.

This section includes a Sense of Congress that the Allegheny River is an important waterway and that the lockage levels of service along the river should be preserved until after the completion of the feasibility study authorized by this Act.

Sec. 1221. Buffalo Bayou Tributaries and Resiliency study, Texas.

This section directs the Secretary to expedite the completion of the Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries Resiliency Study, Texas.

Sec. 1222. Lake O' the Pines, Texas

This section would require the Corps to complete a report that identifies opportunities for potential exchange of land or flowage easements associated with the Lake O' the Pines, Texas, project.

Sec. 1223. Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project, Texas.

This section directs the Secretary to expedite completion of documentation for the Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project, Texas.

Sec. 1224. Waco Lake, Texas.

This section directs the Secretary to expedite the review of a request from the City of Waco, Texas that the Secretary apply section 147 of *WRDA 2020* to Waco Lake, Texas.

Sec. 1225. Coastal Washington.

This section authorizes the Secretary to carry out comprehensive studies for riverine and coastal flooding in the State of Washington.

Sec. 1226. Kanawha River Basin.

This section modifies certain projects resulting from a feasibility study in the Kanawha River Basin.

Sec. 1227. Upper Mississippi River System Flood Risk and Resiliency Study.

This section directs the Secretary to conduct a study to evaluate and recommend measures to improve flood resiliency and reduce flood risk in the floodplain of the Upper Mississippi River System.

Sec. 1228. Briefing on status of certain activities on Missouri River.

This section directs the Secretary to provide a briefing to relevant Congressional committees on the status of certain activities for several projects on the Missouri River.

Sec. 1229. Ogallala Aquifer.

This section directs the Secretary, in coordination with other Federal and state agencies, to conduct a study on water supply and drought resilience for the regions within the Ogallala Aquifer.

Sec. 1230. National Academy of Sciences study on Upper Rio Grande Basin.

This section directs the Secretary to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences and prepare a report studying the dams and reservoirs in the Upper Rio Grande Basin and recommendations for future management and operation strategies to enhance resiliency.

Sec. 1231. Upper Susquehanna River Basin comprehensive flood damage reduction feasibility study.

This section directs the Secretary to conduct a feasibility study on flood damage reduction in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin, New York.

Sec. 1232. Technical correction, Walla Walla River.

This section makes a technical change to section 8201(a)(76) of *WRDA 2022*.

Sec. 1233. Dam safety assurance consideration.

This section directs the Secretary to expedite the review of the request to apply section 1203 of *WRDA 1986* for the project for dam safety at Garrison Dam, North Dakota and Oahe Dam, South Dakota.

Sec. 1234. Sea sparrow accounting.

This section directs the Secretary to share data and coordinate with relevant Federal, state, and local agencies to provide an accurate accounting of Cape Sable Seaside Sparrows.

Sec. 1235. Report on efforts to monitor, control, and eradicate invasive species.

This section requires the Secretary to complete a report on the Corps' various authorities and programs related to monitoring, controlling, and eradicating invasive species.

Sec. 1236. Deadline for previously required list of covered projects.

This section directs the Secretary to provide a list of certain ongoing water resources development projects.

Sec. 1237. Examination of reduction of microplastics.

This section directs the Corps' Engineer Research and Development Center, in consultation with other Federal agencies, to carry out research and development activities on efforts to reduce the release of microplastics into the environment.

Sec. 1238. Post-disaster watershed assessment for impacted areas.

This section directs the Secretary to carry out two post-disaster watershed assessments under section 3025 of the *Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) 2014*.

Sec. 1239. Study on land valuation procedures for the Tribal Partnership Program.

This section requires the Secretary to complete a report on appropriate procedures for determining the value of real estate and cost-share contributions for projects under the TPP.

Sec. 1240. Report to Congress on levee safety guidelines.

This section requires the Secretary to complete a report on levee safety guidelines developed under section 9005(c) of *WRDA 2007*.

Sec. 1241. Public-private partnership user's guide.

This section directs the Secretary to develop a public private partnership user's guide, including a description of applicable authorities, lessons learned, and best practices.

Sec. 1242. Review of authorities and programs for alternative delivery methods.

This section requires the Secretary to complete a report on the authorities and programs that facilitate the use of alternative project delivery methods for water resources development projects.

Sec. 1243. Cooperation Authority.

This section modifies the Corps' interagency and international support authority under section 234 of *WRDA 1996*.

Sec. 1244. GAO studies.

This section directs the Comptroller General of the United States to initiate and complete 18 studies.

Title III—Deauthorizations and Modifications

Sec. 1301. Deauthorization of inactive projects.

This section establishes a process for the deauthorization of certain water resources development projects not yet initiated or appropriated.

Sec. 1302. Specific deauthorizations.

This section deauthorizes certain projects or portions of projects.

Sec. 1303. General reauthorizations.

This provision provides additional authorizations of Federal appropriations for several Corps programs.

Sec. 1304. Environmental infrastructure.

This section authorizes new and modifies existing environmental infrastructure authorities of the Secretary.

Sec. 1305. Environmental infrastructure pilot program.

This section directs the Secretary to establish a temporary pilot program for environmental infrastructure projects meeting certain requirements.

Sec. 1306. Conveyances.

This section authorizes four conveyances of property from the Secretary, pursuant to certain requirements.

Sec. 1307. Selma, Alabama.

This section modifies the Selma Flood Risk Management and Bank Stabilization project.

Sec. 1308. Barrow, Alaska.

This section specifies the floodplain management plan requirements for a coastal erosion project in Barrow, Alaska.

Sec. 1309. Lowell Creek Tunnel, Alaska.

This section modifies the project for flood risk management, Lowell Creek, Seward, Alaska.

Sec. 1310. San Francisco Bay, California.

This section clarifies additional areas for inclusion in the study of San Francisco Bay, California and directs the Secretary to evaluate measures to increase shoreline resiliency.

Sec. 1311. Santa Ana River Mainstem, California.

This section modifies the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, requiring modification of the Santiago Creek Channel portion of the project, and requires an update by the Corps on the larger project.

Sec. 1312. Colebrook River Reservoir, Connecticut.

This section requires the Secretary to terminate a specific water supply contract at the Colebrook River Reservoir, Connecticut, upon the request of the Metropolitan District of Hartford, Connecticut.

Sec. 1313. Faulkner Island, Connecticut.

This section modifies the authorization for the Faulkner, Connecticut shoreline protection project.

Sec. 1314. Northern estuaries ecosystem restoration, Florida.

This section modifies the requirements for the comprehensive plan to restore the northern estuaries in Florida, carried out under section 8215(b) of *WRDA 2022*.

Sec. 1315. New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, Georgia and South Carolina.

This section modifies the project for navigation, Savannah Harbor expansion, Georgia, as it relates to the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, Georgia and South Carolina pursuant to section 1319 of *WRDA 2016*.

Sec. 1316. Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin project, Brandon Road, Will County, Illinois.

This section modifies the project for ecosystem restoration, Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin project, Brandon Road, Will County, Illinois.

Sec. 1317. Larose to Golden Meadow, Louisiana.

This section directs the Secretary to complete a study regarding certain work for the Larose to Golden Meadow, Louisiana project.

Sec. 1318. Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana.

This section authorizes the Secretary to credit the non-Federal interest for certain work carried out for the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana, if conditions are met.

Sec. 1319. Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel, Louisiana

This section directs the Secretary to promptly review a feasibility study to modify a project carried out and submitted by a non-Federal interest under section 203 of *WRDA 1986*.

Sec. 1320. Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This section adds considerations for the Secretary for the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam conveyance.

Sec. 1321. Missouri River levee system, Missouri.

This section modifies the authorization for the Missouri River Levee System Unit L-385 Project.

Sec. 1322. Stockton Lake, Missouri

This section sets additional parameters for the reallocation of water storage space at Stockton Lake, Missouri.

Sec. 1323. Table Rock Lake, Missouri and Arkansas.

This section directs the Secretary to permit the ongoing presence of certain eligible structures at Table Rock Lake.

Sec. 1324. Mamaroneck-Sheldrake Rivers, New York.

This section modifies the project for flood risk management, Mamaroneck-Sheldrake Rivers, New York.

Sec. 1325. Columbia River Channel, Oregon and Washington.

This section clarifies the authorities for the Columbia River Channel, Oregon.

Sec. 1326. Willamette Valley, Oregon.

This section requires the Secretary to analyze an alternative that ceases hydropower operation at projects in the Willamette River Basin, Oregon.

Sec. 1327. Chambers, Galveston, and Harris counties, Texas.

This section directs the Secretary to work with non-Federal sponsors to identify opportunities for exchanges, releases, or conveyances related to the Federal project for navigation, Houston Ship Channel, Texas, provided that it does not interfere with another nearby project.

Sec. 1328. Matagorda Ship Channel, Port Lavaca, Texas.

This section authorizes the Secretary to carry out repairs for the Matagorda Ship Channel Deficiency consistent with the 2020 deficiency report for the project.

Sec. 1329. San Antonio Channel, San Antonio, Texas.

This section modifies the Westside Creeks Ecosystem Restoration Project to require the Secretary to implement Alternative 7, as identified in the 2014 final General Re-evaluation Report and Environmental Assessment for the project.

Sec. 1330. Lake Champlain Watershed, Vermont and New York.

This section amends section 542 of *WRDA 2000* to modify certain projects within the Lake Champlain Watershed.

Sec. 1331. Ediz Hook Beach Erosion Control Project, Port Angeles, Washington.

This section modifies the project for beach erosion control, Ediz Hook, Port Angeles, Washington.

Sec. 1332. Western Washington State, Washington.

This section authorizes assistance for environmental infrastructure in Western Washington State, Washington.

Sec. 1333. Storm damage prevention and reduction, coastal erosion, riverine erosion, and ice and glacial damage, Alaska.

This section amends section 8315 of *WRDA 2022* to include riverine erosion projects.

Sec. 1334. Chattahoochee River Program.

This section amends section 8144 of *WRDA 2022* to extend the deadlines for the plan the Secretary is required to develop for the Chattahoochee River Program. It also extends the deadline for the report that the Secretary is required to submit under that section.

Sec. 1335. Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery Program.

This section increases the authorization for the Chesapeake Bay oyster recovery program.

Sec. 1336. Delaware Coastal System Program.

This section modifies certain coastal storm risk management and hurricane and storm risk reduction projects in Delaware and designates those projects as the Delaware Coastal System Program.

Sec. 1337. Delaware Inland Bays and Delaware Bay Coast Coastal Storm Risk Management Study.

This section modifies the authority for the Delaware Inland Bays and Delaware Bay Coast Coastal Storm Risk Management study.

Sec. 1338. Hawaii environmental restoration.

This section modifies the eligibilities and the areas for the study authority for the Pacific Region.

Sec. 1339. Illinois River basin restoration.

This section extends the authorization for the Illinois River Basin monitoring program.

Sec. 1340. Kentucky and West Virginia environmental infrastructure.

This section authorizes assistance for environmental infrastructure in Kentucky and West Virginia.

Sec. 1341. Missouri River mitigation, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska.

This section clarifies mitigation acre requirements for the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Mitigation Project.

Sec. 1342. New York emergency shore restoration.

This section authorizes assistance for certain projects in New York State.

Sec. 1343. New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries, New York and New Jersey.

This section modifies the study for flood and storm damage reduction for the New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Project.

Sec. 1344. Southeastern North Carolina environmental infrastructure.

This section authorizes assistance for environmental infrastructure in Southeastern North Carolina.

Sec. 1345. Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

This section authorizes assistance for certain projects in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Sec. 1346. Western Lake Erie basin, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

This section expands the study authority under section 441 of the *WRDA 1999* for the Western Lake Erie basin.

Sec. 1347. Ohio and North Dakota.

This section amends section 594 of *WRDA 1999* to modify certain projects in Ohio and North Dakota.

Sec. 1348. Oregon environmental infrastructure.

This section authorizes assistance for environmental infrastructure in Oregon.

Sec. 1349. Pennsylvania environmental infrastructure.

This section authorizes assistance for environmental infrastructure in Pennsylvania.

Sec. 1350. Washington Aqueduct.

This section makes a technical change to section 8146(d) of *WRDA 2022*.

Sec. 1351. Washington Metropolitan Area, Washington, District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

This section modifies the project for water supply, Washington Metropolitan Area, Washington, District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

Sec. 1352. Northern West Virginia.

This section amends section 571 of *WRDA 1999* to modify certain projects in Northern West Virginia.

Sec. 1353. Southern West Virginia.

This section amends section 340 of *WRDA 1992* to modify certain projects in Southern West Virginia.

Sec. 1354. Upper Mississippi River restoration program.

This section amends the authorization for the Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program.

Sec. 1355. Acequias irrigation systems.

This section modifies the authorization for the Acequias Rehabilitation and Restoration program.

Sec. 1356. Additional projects for underserved community harbors.

This section directs the Corps to provide assistance to certain harbor projects.

Sec. 1357. Bosque wildlife restoration project.

This section directs the Secretary to establish a program for ecosystem restoration in the Middle Rio Grande Bosque.

Sec. 1358. Coastal community flood control and other purposes.

This section modifies repayment terms under *WRDA 1986*.

Sec. 1359. Congressional notification of deferred payment agreement request.

This section requires the Secretary to notify Congress upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 103(k) of *WRDA 1986*.

Sec. 1360. Contracts for water supply.

This section amends specific water supply contracts in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Sec. 1361. Expenses for control of aquatic plant growths and invasive species.

This section modifies certain activities under section 104 of the *River and Harbor Act of 1958*.

Sec. 1362. Hopper dredge McFarland replacement.

This section requires that any replacement vessel for the Federal hopper dredge McFarland be placed in the same ready reserve status as the McFarland.

Sec. 1363. Lakes Program.

This section includes additional locations in the Lakes Program authority under section 602 of *WRDA 1986*.

Sec. 1364. Maintenance of navigation channels.

This section amends section 509(a) of *WRDA 1996* to include additional projects for the Secretary to examine to determine if Federal assumption of maintenance is merited.

Sec. 1365. Maintenance of pile dike system.

This section directs the Secretary to maintain certain pile dikes in Washington.

Sec. 1366. Navigation along the Tennessee–Tombigbee Waterway.

This section directs the Secretary to utilize existing authorities to address the dredging needs of and ensure continued navigation along the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Sec. 1367. Rehabilitation of Corps of Engineers constructed dams.

This section amends section 1177 of *WRDA 2016* to modify certain projects and extend the authorization of the authority.

Sec. 1368. Soil moisture and snowpack monitoring.

This section extends the authorization of the program for soil moisture and snowpack monitoring in the Upper Missouri River Basin.

Sec. 1369. Waiver of non-Federal share of damages related to certain contract claims.

This section extends the period of time for which the Secretary may waive the non-Federal interest's share of an awarded damages payment under certain circumstances.

Sec. 1370. Wilson Lock floating guide wall.

This section directs the Secretary to utilize existing authorities to provide technical assistance in support of navigation at the Wilson Lock and Dam, Alabama upon the request of the relevant Federal entity.

Sec. 1371. Sense of Congress relating to Mobile Harbor, Alabama.

This section includes a Sense of Congress on the dredging and dredged material placement needs associated with the navigation project at the Port of Mobile, Alabama.

Sec. 1372. Sense of Congress relating to shallow draft dredging in the Chesapeake Bay.

This section includes a Sense of Congress on the shallow draft dredging needs in the Chesapeake Bay.

Sec. 1373. Sense of Congress relating to Missouri River priorities.

This section includes a Sense of Congress that encourages the Secretary to make certain data and decisions related to the Missouri River Basin publicly available.

Title IV—Water Resources Infrastructure

Sec. 1401. Project authorizations.

This section authorizes 21 projects for construction that have completed technical review by the Corps and are recommended by the Chief of Engineers.

Sec. 1402. Special rule.

This section provides additional direction for the Western Everglades Restoration project.

Sec. 1403. Additional Project Authorization Pursuant to Study by Non-Federal Interest.

This section authorizes the North of Lake Okeechobee Storage Reservoir (Component A) of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Project for construction pursuant to section 203 of *WRDA 1986*.

Sec. 1404. Facility investment.

This section authorizes the Secretary to design and construct three facilities, using funds available in the revolving fund established by the first section of the *Civil Functions Appropriations Act, 1954*.

Division B—Other Matters

Title I – Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act of 2024

Sec. 2101. Short Title.

This section provides the short title of Title I, the “*Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act of 2024*”.

Sec. 2102. Definitions.

This section provides definitions for the terms “Secretary,” “State,” and “TIFIA program,” used throughout Title I.

Sec. 2103. Redistribution of prior TIFIA funding.

This section directs the Secretary to redistribute unobligated balances under the TIFIA program to the states as contract authority through the existing Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. The section makes clear that the funding is subject to the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, remain available until the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2028, and is in addition to existing apportionments.

Sec. 2104. Redistribution of fiscal year 2025 TIFIA funding.

This section directs the Secretary to on April 1, 2025, for the TIFIA program, determine the amount of unobligated contract authority available for credit assistance for FY 2025, and then distribute 75 percent of that amount to the states as contract authority through the STBG program. The section makes clear that the redistributed funding is subject to the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, will remain available until the end of FY 2028, and is in addition to existing apportionments.

Sec. 2105. Redistribution of fiscal year 2026 TIFIA funding.

This section directs the Secretary to on April 1, 2026, for the TIFIA program, determine the amount of unobligated contract authority available for credit assistance for FY 2026, and then distribute 75 percent of that amount to the states as contract authority through the STBG program. This section makes clear that the redistribution funding is subject to the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, will remain available until the end of FY 2029, and is in addition to existing apportionments.

Title II – Economic Development Reauthorization Act of 2024

Sec. 2201. Short title.

This section provides the short title of Title II, the “*Economic Development Reauthorization Act of 2024*”.

Subtitle A – Public Works and Economic Development

Sec. 2211. Definitions.

This section amends section 3 of the *Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA)* (42 U.S.C. § 3122) to provide standard definitions for terms “blue economy,” “capacity building,” “outdoor recreation,” “project predevelopment,” and “travel and tourism.” It also updates the definition of “Regional Commissions.”

Sec. 2212. Increased coordination.

This section amends section 103 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3133) to strengthen the ability of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to coordinate with the regional commissions, to reduce duplication and develop best practices across agencies. It also establishes reporting requirements and annual meeting requirements.

Sec. 2213. Grants for public works and economic development.

This section amends section 201 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3141) to clarify eligibilities for waste management systems and improving resiliency for public works and economic development grants. This section also directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to consider certain matters when awarding grants of under section 201.

Sec. 2214. Grants for planning and grants for administrative expenses.

This section amends section 203 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3143) so that grants awarded under that section may be used for planning and administrative expenses, including project predevelopment activities.

Sec. 2215. Cost sharing.

This section amends section 204 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3144) to update cost sharing requirements. It also clarifies that funding contributed by a regional commission may be used as the non-Federal cost share of a project.

Sec. 2216. Regulations on relative needs and allocations.

This section amends section 206 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3146) to include the per capita income levels, the labor force participation rate, and the extent of underemployment in eligible areas as considerations for the Secretary when evaluating relative needs.

Sec. 2217. Research and technical assistance; university centers.

This section amends section 207 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3147) to modernize and establish clear direction for EDA's existing University Centers program. This section also provides for the use of technical assistance to include project predevelopment.

Sec. 2218. Investment priorities.

This section amends Title II of *PWEDA* to establish the investment priorities that EDA must use when awarding grants. The investment priorities are critical infrastructure, workforce, innovation and entrepreneurship, economic recovery resiliency, and manufacturing.

Sec. 2219. Grants for economic adjustment.

This section amends section 209 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3149) to clarify the eligibilities under that section, including codifying existing programs structured to target communities economically impacted by certain industries.

Sec. 2220. Renewable energy program.

This section amends section 218 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3154d) to replace the Brightfields Demonstration Program with a program to site renewable energy technology on existing brownfield sites.

Sec. 2221. Workforce training grants.

This section authorizes the Secretary to make grants to support the development and expansion of certain workforce training programs. This section includes a pilot program which sunsets September 30, 2029.

Sec. 2222. Congressional notification requirements.

This section requires the Secretary to provide Congressional notification of grants in excess of \$100,000 no less than three days before an eligible recipient is notified of their selection for the award and sets specific information that must be included in the notification.

Sec. 2223. Specific flexibilities related to deployment of high-speed broadband.

This section removes hurdles for broadband projects under EDA grants, ensuring that local communities can partner with the private sector and giving communities more flexibility in complying with their funding match requirements.

Sec. 2224. Critical supply chain site development grant program.

This section authorizes the Secretary to establish a grant program to support site development or expansion projects for manufacturing industries.

Sec. 2225. Updated distress criteria and grant rates.

This section amends section 301 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3161) to update factors the Secretary is required to consider when determining economic distress.

Sec. 2226. Comprehensive economic development strategies.

This section amends section 302 of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. § 3161) to update the requirements for certain awards made under section 207 and section 209(c)(2) of *PWEDA*.

Sec. 2227. Office of Tribal Economic Development.

This section establishes the Office of Tribal Economic Development within EDA.

Sec. 2228. Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience.

This section establishes an EDA Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience. This section also requires EDA to report on staffing and activities in response to disasters.

Sec. 2229. Establishment of technical assistance liaisons.

This section authorizes EDA's regional directors to designate a regional staff member to act as a "Technical Assistance Liaison" for a regional office.

Sec. 2230. Annual report to Congress.

This section amends section 603(b) of *PWEDA* (42 U.S.C. 3213(b)) to update the annual reporting requirements, including details on project completions and closeouts.

Sec. 2231. Economic Development Representatives.

This section establishes as the sense of Congress that EDA should continue to promote access to its programs through its use of economic development representatives to underresourced communities. It also directs the Secretary to take into account the needs of coal communities when assigning economic development representatives.

Sec. 2232. Modernization of environmental reviews.

This section directs the Secretary to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Secretary to facilitate efficient, timely, and predictable environmental reviews of projects. It also directs the Secretary to promulgate a rulemaking within two years of completing the report to implement, to the maximum extent practicable, measures considered in the report to streamline environmental reviews.

Sec. 2233. GAO report on economic development programs.

This section requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit a report to Congress that evaluates economic development programs administered by the EDA and the regional commissions.

Sec. 2234. GAO report on Economic Development Administration regulations and policies.

This section requires the GAO to submit a report to Congress that evaluates economic development regulations and policies administered by the EDA that may have hindered the ability of communities to apply for and administer EDA grants.

Sec. 2235. GAO study on rural communities.

This section directs the GAO to submit a report to Congress on the impacts of EDA funding in distressed communities located in at least five geographically diverse rural areas.

Sec. 2236. General authorization of appropriations.

This section authorizes funding for EDA's programs for FYs 2025 through 2029, subject to the availability of appropriations.

Sec. 2237. Technical correction.

This section amends the table of contents of *PWEDA* to reflect the revisions made by the bill.

Subtitle B – Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development

Sec. 2241. Regional commission authorizations.

This section amends section 15751 of title 40, United States Code, to reauthorize certain regional commissions for FYs 2025 through 2029.

Sec. 2242. Regional commission modifications.

This section amends sections of Subtitle V of Title 40, United States Code, to update administrative requirements for certain regional commissions.

Sec. 2243. Transfer of funds among Federal agencies.

This section allows certain regional commissions to transfer funds to and accept transfers of funds from other Federal agencies where funds are appropriated for similar purposes.

Sec. 2244. Financial assistance.

This section allows certain regional commissions funding to count as non-Federal match for a project under another Federal grants program under certain circumstances.

Sec. 2245. Northern Border Regional Commission area.

This section adds Lincoln, Merrimack, Schoharie, and Wyoming Counties to the area covered by the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Sec. 2246. Southwest Border Regional Commission area.

This section adds Bernalillo, Cibola, Curry, De Baca, Guadalupe, Lea, Roosevelt, Socorro, Torrance, and Valencia Counties to the area covered by the Southwest Border Regional Commission.

Sec. 2247. Great Lakes Authority area.

This section clarifies the attributes of counties to the area covered by the Great Lakes Authority.

Sec. 2248. Additional regional commission programs.

This section codifies the existing State Capacity Building Grant Program and allows for limited demonstration health projects to be carried out by certain regional commissions in distressed areas.

Sec. 2249. Establishment of Mid-Atlantic Regional Commission.

This section establishes the Mid-Atlantic Regional Commission.

Sec. 2250. Establishment of Southern New England Regional Commission.

This section establishes the Southern New England Regional Commission.

Sec. 2251. Denali Commission reauthorization.

This section reauthorizes the Denali Commission from FYs 2025 through 2029 and makes changes to improve the function of the Commission.

Sec. 2252. Denali Housing Fund.

This section authorizes the establishment of a Denali Housing Fund.

Sec. 2253. Delta Regional Authority reauthorization.

This section reauthorizes the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) from FYs 2025 through 2029 and clarifies that Sabine, Vernon, and Terrebonne Parishes are included in DRA's area.

Sec. 2254. Northern Great Plains Regional Authority reauthorization.

This section reauthorizes the Northern Great Plains Regional Authority from FYs 2025 through 2029.

Title III – Public Buildings Reforms

Sec. 2301. Amendments to the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016.

This section extends the term of the Public Buildings Reform Board (PBRB) established by the *Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (FASTA)* (P.L. 114-318) through 2026 and makes improvements to increase the transparency and effectiveness of the processes established by *FASTA* to support the sale, disposal, or redevelopment of certain Federal public buildings.

Sec. 2302. Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act.

This section directs the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to implement a standard methodology for measuring occupancy in public buildings and Federally leased space. It also directs GSA and OMB to adjust the Federal real property portfolio under certain circumstances.

Sec. 2303. Impact of Crime on Public Building Usage Act.

This section directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the impact of crime in areas surrounding Federal public buildings on operations of such buildings.

Sec. 2304. Federal Oversight of Construction Use and Safety Act.

This section requires GSA to notify Congress if a Federal building project's scope or size increases or decreases by a certain amount and provide additional information when proposing projects for Congressional approval. It also directs GSA to collect data from certain Federal agencies on safety incidents at Federal public buildings and provide a report to Congress.

Sec. 2305. Public Buildings Accountability Act.

This section directs GAO to review the administration and management of all Public Buildings Service (PBS) programs and activities as well as activities related to a Federal Buildings Fund account.

Sec. 2306. Sale of Webster School.

This section directs GSA to sell the building known as the Webster School in Washington, D.C..

Sec. 2307. Real property conveyance.

This section directs GSA to sell certain Federal property located in Missouri.

Sec. 2308. Think Differently About Building Accessibility Act.

This section directs GAO to review whether buildings owned and leased by GSA comply with the *Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)*.

Sec. 2309. Revision of design standards.

This section directs GSA to revise the process by which the agency updates or changes the P100 facilities standards guidance document.

Sec. 2310. Limitation on authorizations.

This section creates an expiration date for Congressional Committee resolutions authorizing certain projects proposed by GSA.

Sec. 2311. Conveyance of Federal courthouse to the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

This section directs GSA to convey a Federal courthouse in Huntsville, Alabama.

Sec. 2312. Wilbur J. Cohen Federal Building.

This section directs GSA to sell the Wilbur J. Cohen building in Washington, D.C..

Sec. 2313. Eugene E. Siler, Jr. United States Courthouse Annex.

This section designates a Federal courthouse annex in London, Kentucky as the “Eugene E. Siler, Jr. United States Courthouse Annex.”

Sec. 2314. Senator Dianne Feinstein Federal Building.

This section designates a Federal building in San Francisco, California as the “Senator Dianne Feinstein Federal Building.”

Sec. 2315. Reuben E. Lawson Federal Building.

This section redesignates a Federal building in Roanoke, Virginia as the “Reuben E. Lawson Federal Building.”

Sec. 2316. Irene M. Keeley United States Courthouse.

This section designates a courthouse in Clarksburg, West Virginia as the “Irene M. Keeley United States Courthouse.”

Sec. 2317. Virginia Smith Federal Building.

This section designates a Federal building in North Platte, Nebraska as the “Virginia Smith Federal Building.”

Sec. 2318. Harold L. Murphy Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

This section designates a Federal building and courthouse in Rome, Georgia as the “Harold L. Murphy Federal Building and United States Courthouse.”

Sec. 2319. Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse.

This section designates a Federal courthouse in Los Angeles, California as the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse.”

Sec. 2320. Helen Edwards Engineering Research Center.

This section designates a Federal building in Batavia, Illinois as the “Helen Edwards Engineering Research Center.”