

**Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB1407

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources

4. Title Crop incentive programs.

5. Summary/Purpose: The substitute bill requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop a program to provide grants to: encourage the production of alternative crops that may be used as a feedstock for energy generation and transportation; assist in the development of bioenergy feedstock crop technologies; identify and assist in the development of commercially viable bioenergy market opportunities; and promote aquaculture within the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are: Indeterminate. See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill provides for the grant program to be funded through direct appropriations, gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds as may be received. Because the amount of funding that will be available from these sources is unknown, it is difficult to estimate the amount of work associated with administering the program. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may need additional resources for program administration when the grant program is funded.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry