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<b>Recomendation</b>	_____
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## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in economic development financing  
3 strategy, providing for Energy Development Test Grant  
4 Program; and making an appropriation.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 305. Energy Development Test Grant Program.

10 (a) Establishment.--The Energy Development Test Grant  
11 Program is established in the department.

12 (b) Purpose of program.--The program shall award grants to  
13 entities for the purpose of determining whether the geology of  
14 areas in this Commonwealth are suited for carbon storage.

15 (c) Eligibility.--In order to be eligible to receive a grant  
16 under the program, an entity must demonstrate the capability to  
17 drill a carbon storage test well.

18 (d) Grants.--Grants shall be awarded as follows:

1       (1) The department shall award at least one grant to an  
2 approved entity in an amount as determined by the department  
3 in collaboration with the Department of Conservation and  
4 Natural Resources.

5       (2) At least one grant shall be awarded to drill at  
6 least one carbon storage test well.

7       (e) Application and approval.--

8       (1) The department shall develop an application for an  
9 entity to apply for a grant under this section. The  
10 application shall be posted on the department's publicly  
11 accessible Internet website.

12       (2) The department, in collaboration with the Department  
13 of Conservation and Natural Resources, shall approve or deny  
14 each application.

15       (f) Collaboration.--A grantee shall fully collaborate with  
16 the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources through all  
17 portions of the project, including, but not limited to, site  
18 selection, construction and data gathering and sharing.

19       (g) Alternative sources of funding.--A grantee, the  
20 department and the Department of Conservation and Natural  
21 Resources shall pursue alternative sources of funding for the  
22 project, including available Federal grant money.

23       (h) Appropriation.--For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
24 amount of \$15,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to  
25 the department for the purpose of awarding grants under this  
26 section.

27       (i) Public information.--All information and data gained by  
28 a grantee, the department or the Department of Conservation and  
29 Natural Resources shall be made publicly available and made  
30 accessible through the Department of Conservation and Natural

1 Resource's publicly accessible Internet website. The data shall  
2 be provided in an easily accessible format.

3 (j) Report.--The Department of Conservation and Natural  
4 Resources shall produce a report, in consultation with the  
5 department, detailing the suitability of a selected site for  
6 carbon storage and the economic potential present in this  
7 Commonwealth for investment in carbon storage. The report shall  
8 be submitted within 180 days of the completion of a carbon  
9 storage test well to the Governor and the General Assembly and  
10 shall be posted on the Department of Conservation and Natural  
11 Resource's publicly accessible Internet website.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.