

Chapter 330

(House Bill 798)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Children With Disabilities – Habilitative Services Information

FOR the purpose of requiring a local school system to provide to the parents or guardians of a child with a disability certain information about access to habilitative services at certain times; and generally relating to providing information on habilitative services for children with disabilities by a local school system.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 8–418

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

8–418.

A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY VERBAL AND WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESS TO HABILITATIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING A COPY OF THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION'S PARENTS' GUIDE TO HABILITATIVE SERVICES, AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

(1) THE TRANSITION MEETING FOR A CHILD MOVING FROM THE MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM TO A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM;

(2) A CHILD'S INITIAL INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MEETING;

(3) AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH YEAR AT A CHILD'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MEETING; AND

(4) ON THE APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF A PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S REQUEST FOR A RELATED SERVICE TO ENABLE A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY TO BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.