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By: **Delegate Hammen**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Developmental Disabilities Administration – Low Intensity Support Services**
3 **– Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of lowering the funding cap on low intensity support services
5 provided to certain individuals each fiscal year through the Low Intensity
6 Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities Administration;
7 and generally relating to the funding cap on low intensity support services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 7–717
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 7–717.

17 (a) (1) In this part, “low intensity support services” means a program
18 designed to:

19 (i) Enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an
20 adult with developmental disability living in the home; or

21 (ii) Support an adult with developmental disability living in the
22 community.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) “Low intensity support services” includes the services and items
2 listed in §§ 7–701(d) and 7–706(c) of this subtitle.

3 (b) There is a Low Intensity Support Services Program in the
4 Administration.

5 (c) Low intensity support services shall be flexible to meet the needs of
6 individuals or families.

7 (d) (1) The Administration shall establish a cap of no less than **[\$3,000]**
8 **\$2,000** of low intensity support services per individual per fiscal year to a qualifying
9 individual.

10 (2) The Administration may waive the cap on low intensity support
11 services provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

12 (e) (1) An individual seeking low intensity support services is not
13 required to:

14 (i) Submit an application to the Department as provided in §
15 7–403 of this title; or

16 (ii) Complete an application for the Medical Assistance Program
17 if the low intensity support services will be provided to a minor.

18 (2) The Department may develop a simplified application process for
19 low intensity support services.

20 (f) The Administration shall deliver services to an eligible individual seeking
21 low intensity support services dependent on the availability and allocation of funds
22 provided by the Administration.

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