

# SENATE BILL 418

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By: Senator Middleton

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## 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.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) "Low intensity support services" includes the services and items 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.

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

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.