

# HOUSE BILL 231

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By: **Delegate Hammen**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “low intensity support services” as it relates  
5 to the Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities  
6 Administration; and generally relating to the Developmental Disabilities  
7 Administration and 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 2014 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 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 designed  
18 to:

19 (i) Enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an adult  
20 [with developmental disability] **WHO IS** living in the home **AND HAS A SEVERE CHRONIC**  
21 **DISABILITY THAT:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **1. IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL**  
2 **IMPAIRMENT, OTHER THAN THE SOLE DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS, OR TO A**  
3 **COMBINATION OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS; AND**

4                   **2. IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY; or**

5                   (ii) Support an adult [with developmental disability] **WHO IS** living  
6 in the community **AND HAS A SEVERE CHRONIC DISABILITY THAT:**

7                   **1. IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL**  
8 **IMPAIRMENT, OTHER THAN THE SOLE DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS, OR TO A**  
9 **COMBINATION OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS; AND**

10                   **2. IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY.**

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

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

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

16                   (d) (1) The Administration shall establish a cap of no less than \$2,000 of low  
17 intensity support services per individual per fiscal year to a qualifying individual.

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

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

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

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

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

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

30                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2015.

