

Chapter 211

**(House Bill 128)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Disabilities Plan and Interagency Disabilities Board – Revisions**

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Secretary of Disabilities must submit an annual analysis of the State’s progress in implementing the State Disabilities Plan and related performance objectives to the Governor and the General Assembly; altering the membership of the Interagency Disabilities Board; altering the required elements of the State Disabilities Plan; and generally relating to the State Disabilities Plan and the Interagency Disabilities Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Human Services  
Section 7–113(f), 7–128, and 7–132  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Human Services**

7–113.

(f) The Secretary shall submit an annual analysis of the State’s progress in implementing the State Disabilities Plan and related performance objectives to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before [October 1] **DECEMBER 1** of each year.

7–128.

The Board consists of the following members:

- (1) the Secretary of Disabilities;
- (2) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (3) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (4) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (5) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary’s designee;

(6) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;

(7) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

(8) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;

(9) the Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee;

(10) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;

(11) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

(12) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children, or the Executive Director's designee;

(13) the Director of the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, or the Director's designee; [and]

**(14) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

**(15) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

**(16) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND**

**[(14)] (17)** representatives from any other unit of State government that the Governor designates.

7-132.

(a) The State Disabilities Plan shall provide for the coordination of support services that:

(1) ensure compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and other relevant federal and State provisions intended to protect the civil rights of individuals with disabilities;

(2) are necessary for individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum participation in the mainstream of the community in the most integrated setting possible; and

(3) address, on a statewide basis, the improvement of:

(i) the capacity of communities to support individuals with disabilities with personal attendant care and other long-term care options that are self-directed;

(ii) the availability of accessible, integrated, and affordable housing options;

(iii) reliable transportation options;

(iv) employment and training options, including self-employment and noncongregant competitive opportunities available in an integrated environment in which there are individuals with and without disabilities;

(v) somatic and [mental] **BEHAVIORAL** health options;

(vi) accessible and universally designed technology;

(vii) support services for children, youth, and their families to enable them to achieve successful learning; [and]

(viii) family support services, including respite care; **AND**

**(IX) CRIME CONTROL, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES THAT APPROPRIATELY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

(b) The State Disabilities Plan shall assess the provision of and resources for support services for individuals with disabilities.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.**