

HOUSE BILL 1577

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By: **Delegates Lam, Chang, Gaines, Stein, and P. Young**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Family Navigation Services – Provision and Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor’s Office for Children to fund family navigation
4 services to support parents and other caregivers of children or youth with certain
5 behavioral health needs or developmental disabilities and to address certain other
6 priorities concerning children and youth; specifying that the family navigation
7 services shall be provided by certain family navigators as determined by local
8 management boards; authorizing local management boards to choose to provide
9 family navigation services based on local needs; requiring a local management board
10 that chooses to provide family navigation services to use funds provided by the Office
11 to administer the services; requiring a certain family navigator to support, educate,
12 and assist certain parents and caregivers in understanding and addressing certain
13 needs and disabilities, identifying community resources, and obtaining needed
14 services; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation for family
15 navigation services in the annual budget each fiscal year; defining certain terms; and
16 generally relating to the provision and funding of family navigation services.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

18 Article – Human Services
19 Section 8–101(a), (l), and (m)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2007 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

22 BY adding to

23 Article – Human Services
24 Section 8–6A–01 through 8–6A–05 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6A. Family
25 Navigation Services”
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2007 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

28 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Human Services**

3 8–101.

4 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

5 (l) “Local management board” means an entity established or designated by a
6 county under Subtitle 3 of this title to ensure the implementation of a local, interagency
7 service delivery system for children, youth, and families.

8 (m) “Office” means the Governor’s Office for Children.

9 **SUBTITLE 6A. FAMILY NAVIGATION SERVICES.**

10 **8–6A–01.**

11 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
12 **INDICATED.**

13 **(B) “BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS” INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH AND**
14 **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.**

15 **(C) “FAMILY NAVIGATOR” MEANS A PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A CHILD OR**
16 **YOUTH WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WHO:**

17 **(1) IS FAMILIAR WITH STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES; AND**

18 **(2) HAS RECEIVED TRAINING TO SUPPORT, EDUCATE, AND ASSIST**
19 **OTHER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS.**

20 **8–6A–02.**

21 **(A) THE OFFICE SHALL FUND FAMILY NAVIGATION SERVICES TO:**

22 **(1) SUPPORT PARENTS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN OR**
23 **YOUTH WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND**

24 **(2) ADDRESS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES:**

25 **(I) REDUCING THE IMPACT OF PARENTAL INCARCERATION ON**
26 **CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES;**

1 **(II) PREVENTING YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 24**
2 **YEARS FROM BECOMING DISCONNECTED YOUTH;**

3 **(III) REDUCING CHILDHOOD HUNGER; AND**

4 **(IV) PREVENTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.**

5 **(B) THE FAMILY NAVIGATION SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED BY FAMILY**
6 **NAVIGATORS AS DETERMINED BY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS.**

7 **8-6A-03.**

8 **(A) A LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD MAY CHOOSE WHETHER TO PROVIDE**
9 **FAMILY NAVIGATION SERVICES BASED ON LOCAL NEEDS.**

10 **(B) IF A LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD CHOOSES TO PROVIDE FAMILY**
11 **NAVIGATION SERVICES, THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD SHALL USE FUNDS**
12 **PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE TO ADMINISTER THE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY.**

13 **8-6A-04.**

14 **A FAMILY NAVIGATOR SHALL SUPPORT, EDUCATE, AND ASSIST A PARENT OR**
15 **CAREGIVER OF A CHILD OR YOUTH WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OR A**
16 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY IN:**

17 **(1) UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S**
18 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES;**

19 **(2) IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY RESOURCES; AND**

20 **(3) OBTAINING NEEDED SERVICES.**

21 **8-6A-05.**

22 **FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL**
23 **BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,665,915 FOR FAMILY**
24 **NAVIGATION SERVICES.**

25 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
26 **October 1, 2018.**