Chapter 389

(House Bill 718)

AN ACT concerning

State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs – Mandated Appropriation Location and Funding

FOR the purpose of moving the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy to the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, for a certain fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, an appropriation to fund the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs within the Department of Disabilities; requiring the appropriation to be increased in subsequent fiscal years to reflect annualization and ongoing costs; and generally relating to a mandated appropriation for the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 7–111(a) and 7–112(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Human Services
Section 7–111(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 7–112(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Human Services

7–111.

(a) There is a State Coordinator for Autism Strategy in the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives.
(E) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, for fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least $86,100 to the Department to fund the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs.

(2) The appropriation required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be increased in each subsequent fiscal year to reflect annualization and ongoing costs.

7–112.

(a) There is an Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.