

HOUSE BILL 718

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2021

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and Advisory Stakeholder Group on**
3 **Autism-Related Needs – Mandated Appropriation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, for a certain
5 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, a certain appropriation to fund the
6 position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder
7 Group on Autism-Related Needs within the Department of Disabilities; requiring
8 the appropriation to be increased in subsequent fiscal years to reflect annualization
9 and ongoing costs; and generally relating to a mandated appropriation for the
10 position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder
11 Group on Autism-Related Needs.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Human Services
14 Section 7-111(a) and 7-112(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Human Services
19 Section 7-111(e)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Human Services**

25 7-111.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) There is a State Coordinator for Autism Strategy in the Department.

2 (E) (1) **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR FISCAL**
3 **YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE**
4 **IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$86,100 TO THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE POSITION OF STATE COORDINATOR FOR AUTISM**
6 **STRATEGY AND THE ADVISORY STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AUTISM-RELATED**
7 **NEEDS.**

8 (2) **THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
9 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE INCREASED IN EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR TO REFLECT**
10 **ANNUALIZATION AND ONGOING COSTS.**

11 7-112.

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

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2021.