

**HB0662/983927/1**

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 662

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, strike “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 13, after “7-111(a)” insert “and (e)”; in the same line, strike “7-112(b) and (d)” and substitute “7-112”; and in line 18, strike “7-112(a) and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

“(e) **(1)** For fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to fund the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs.

**(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO FUND ONE SUPPORT STAFF POSITION FOR THE STATE COORDINATOR FOR AUTISM STRATEGY.**”;

and in line 27, strike “and”.

On page 3, in line 8, after “State;” insert “AND”; in line 10, strike “(ix)” and substitute “**(15)**”; in line 11, after “necessary” insert “, APPOINTED BY THE STATE COORDINATOR FOR AUTISM STRATEGY”; after line 11, insert:

“(c) The State Coordinator for Autism Strategy shall chair the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs.”;

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and after line 14, insert:

“(e) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL CONSIDER THE GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY OF THE STATE SO THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE ADVISORY STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AUTISM-RELATED NEEDS REFLECTS THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES OF THE STATE.”

(F) A member of the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

[(f)] (G) The Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs shall work with the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy to:

(1) identify and evaluate existing services for individuals with autism and their families;

(2) develop a strategic plan for addressing autism-related needs in the State;

(3) promote, monitor, and evaluate implementation of the strategic plan; and

(4) recommend and implement changes to the strategic plan.

[(g)] (H) (1) The Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs shall hold its initial meeting on or before December 31, 2020.

(2) Beginning in 2021, the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs shall meet quarterly each calendar year.”.

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On page 4, strike beginning with “is” in line 21 down through “and” in line 24; and strike beginning with “from” in line 24 down through “enacted” in line 25 and substitute “October 1, 2022”.