HOUSE BILL 662

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EMERGENCY BILL

By: Delegate Guyton
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022
Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to appoint the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy; altering the membership and staffing of the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs; adding the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy to the Interagency Disabilities Board; and generally relating to the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs, the Interagency Disabilities Board, and the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 7–111(a), 7–112(b) and (d), and 7–128
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Human Services

7–111.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(a) There is a State Coordinator for Autism Strategy in the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives.

(2) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall appoint the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy.

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

(b) The Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs consists of the following members:

(1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

[(1)] (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent’s designee;

[(2)] (4) the Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary’s designee;

[(3)] (5) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee;

[(4)] (6) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;

[(5)] (7) the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy;

[(6)] (8) one representative of the Maryland Speech–Language–Hearing Association;

[(7)] (9) one representative of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council;

[(8)] (10) one representative of the Maryland Occupational Therapy Association;

[(9)] (11) one representative of The ARC Maryland;

[(10)] (12) one representative of Pathfinders for Autism;

[(11)] (13) one representative of Itineris; and
(a) the Secretary of Disabilities;
(b) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary’s designee;
(c) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;
(d) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary’s designee;
(e) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;
(f) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary’s designee;
(7) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee;
(8) the Secretary of Labor, 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 Deputy Director of the Division of Children and Youth of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, or the Deputy Director’s designee;
(13) the Director of the Governor’s Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, or the Director’s designee;
(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 Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, or the Executive Director’s designee; [and]

(17) the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy of the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives, or the Coordinator’s designee; and

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.