

Chapter 621

**(Senate Bill 231)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Autism Waiver – Military Families**

FOR the purpose of requiring, except under certain circumstances, that a child on the registry for the Autism Waiver remain on the registry if the child’s family relocates out of the State for military service; and generally relating to the Autism Waiver.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 15–151

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

**Article – Health – General**

**15–151.**

**(A) UNLESS THE CHILD’S FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT THE CHILD BE REMOVED, A CHILD ON THE REGISTRY FOR THE AUTISM WAIVER SHALL REMAIN ON THE REGISTRY IF THE CHILD’S FAMILY RELOCATES OUT OF THE STATE FOR MILITARY SERVICE.**

**(B) IF A CHILD ON THE REGISTRY FOR THE AUTISM WAIVER BECOMES ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES THROUGH THE WAIVER WHILE THE CHILD’S FAMILY IS OUT OF THE STATE FOR MILITARY SERVICE, THE CHILD SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES THROUGH THE WAIVER IF THE FAMILY RELOCATES TO THE STATE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2023.**