

Carol A. Beatty, Secretary

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DATE: January 26, 2023

BILL: Senate Bill 30 - Public Safety - 3-1-1 Systems - Nonemergency Information

COMMITTEE: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

POSITION: Letter of Information

Dear Chair Feldman,

The Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) respectfully submits this letter of information for Senate Bill 30 - Public Safety - 3-1-1 Systems - Nonemergency Information. SB30 establishes 3-1-1 as an information and referral telephone number for nonemergency government services, resources, and information, and MDOD is listed as one of the members of the 3-1-1 Board.

The implementation of the statewide and county 3-1-1 system would include access for individuals with hearing or speech disabilities for information about nonemergency government services resources, and information; the immediate transferring of emergency calls to a public safety answering point; information about public health emergencies; information about animal control services; information about trash and recycling services.

These objectives would assist in alleviating a common concern of Marylanders with disabilities regarding service access and improve the ability to independently report non-emergency concerns and receive information on government services.

If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Hall, Director of Interagency Affairs, (410)767-3652, elizabeth.hall2@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Beatty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol A. Beatty, Secretary