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By: ~~Senator Middleton~~ Senators Middleton, Astle, Benson, Feldman, Hershey,
Jennings, Kelley, Klausmeier, Mathias, Pugh, and Reilly

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Developmental Disabilities Administration – Low Intensity Support Services –**
3 **Definition**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “low intensity support services” as it relates
5 to the Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities
6 Administration; and generally relating to the Developmental Disabilities
7 Administration and low intensity support services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 7–717
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 7–717.

17 (a) (1) In this part, “low intensity support services” means a program designed
18 to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (i) Enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an adult
2 [with developmental disability] **WHO IS** living in the home **AND HAS A SEVERE CHRONIC**
3 **DISABILITY THAT:**

4 1. **IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL**
5 **IMPAIRMENT, OTHER THAN THE SOLE DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS, OR TO A**
6 **COMBINATION OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS; AND**

7 2. **IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY; or**

8 (ii) Support an adult [with developmental disability] **WHO IS** living
9 in the community **AND HAS A SEVERE CHRONIC DISABILITY THAT:**

10 1. **IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL**
11 **IMPAIRMENT, OTHER THAN THE SOLE DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS, OR TO A**
12 **COMBINATION OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS; AND**

13 2. **IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY.**

14 (2) “Low intensity support services” includes the services and items listed
15 in §§ 7–701(d) and 7–706(c) of this subtitle.

16 (b) There is a Low Intensity Support Services Program in the Administration.

17 (c) Low intensity support services shall be flexible to meet the needs of
18 individuals or families.

19 (d) (1) The Administration shall establish a cap of no less than \$2,000 of low
20 intensity support services per individual per fiscal year to a qualifying individual.

21 (2) The Administration may waive the cap on low intensity support
22 services provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

23 (e) (1) An individual seeking low intensity support services is not required to:

24 (i) Submit an application to the Department as provided in § 7–403
25 of this title; or

26 (ii) Complete an application for the Medical Assistance Program if
27 the low intensity support services will be provided to a minor.

28 (2) The Department may develop a simplified application process for low
29 intensity support services.

1 (f) The Administration shall deliver services to an eligible individual seeking low
2 intensity support services dependent on the availability and allocation of funds provided by
3 the Administration.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 ~~October~~ July 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.