

HOUSE BILL 718

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2021

Assigned to: Appropriations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and Advisory Stakeholder Group on**
3 **Autism-Related Needs – ~~Mandated Appropriation~~ Location and Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of moving the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy to the Governor's
5 Office of Community Initiatives; requiring the Governor to include in the annual
6 budget bill, for a certain fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, ~~a certain an~~
7 appropriation to fund the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the
8 Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs ~~within the Department of~~
9 ~~Disabilities~~; ~~requiring the appropriation to be increased in subsequent fiscal years~~
10 ~~to reflect annualization and ongoing costs~~; and generally relating to ~~a mandated~~
11 ~~appropriation for~~ the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the
12 Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ with amendments,
14 Article – Human Services
15 Section 7-111(a) ~~and 7-112(a)~~
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Human Services
20 Section 7-111(e)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 2 Article – Human Services
 3 Section 7–112(a)
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Human Services**

9 7–111.

10 (a) There is a State Coordinator for Autism Strategy in the ~~Department~~
 11 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.

12 (E) ~~(1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR~~ FOR
 13 FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
 14 INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$86,100
 15 TO THE DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE POSITION OF STATE COORDINATOR FOR
 16 AUTISM STRATEGY AND THE ADVISORY STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON
 17 AUTISM-RELATED NEEDS.

18 ~~(2) THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS~~
 19 ~~SUBSECTION SHALL BE INCREASED IN EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR TO REFLECT~~
 20 ~~ANNUALIZATION AND ONGOING COSTS.~~

21 7–112.

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

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 24 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.