

HOUSE BILL 621

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Education – Division of Rehabilitation Services –**
3 **Information Posted on Website**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State
5 Department of Education to post certain information relating to the Division’s
6 caseload on the Division’s website; and generally relating to the Division of
7 Rehabilitation Services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 21–301

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 21–304.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2022 Replacement Volume)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Education**

21 21–301.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) “Disability” means any defect or infirmity that may incapacitate an individual
24 totally or partially for gainful employment or independent living.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) “DIVISION” MEANS THE DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES IN**
2 **THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

3 **[(c)] (D)** “Federal acts” means the rehabilitation acts of the United States
4 Congress.

5 **[(d)] (E)** “Rehabilitation” means the process of enabling a disabled individual to
6 become gainfully employed and to function more independently.

7 **21-304.1.**

8 **(A) BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2023, THE DIVISION SHALL**
9 **PUBLICLY POST ON THE DIVISION’S WEBSITE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OPEN CASES**
10 **IN THE DIVISION’S CASELOAD.**

11 **(B) THE DIVISION SHALL UPDATE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER**
12 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION EVERY MONTH.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2023.