

relating to a pilot program for certain disabled persons.

BY adding to

~~Article---Health---General
Section--20-301--through-20-305,--inclusive,--to-be-under
the-new-subtitle-"Subtitle--3--Attendant--Care
Program"~~

~~Annotated-Code-of-Maryland
{As-enacted-by-Chapter-____-(H.B.-200)-of-the
Acts-of-the-General-Assembly-of-1982}~~

Article - Education
Section 21-501 through 21-506, inclusive, to be under
the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Attendant Care
Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Attendant care contributes significantly to the ability of many disabled citizens to live in their communities by providing assistance to these individuals with personal care and other activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the General Assembly to assist disabled citizens to live in the least restrictive environment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant care is consistent with the General Assembly's policy of deinstitutionalization and may allow many disabled individuals residing in institutions to live independently within the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant care affords many disabled individuals the opportunity to become employed, and, as such, taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, The cost of attendant care is prohibitive for the vast majority of disabled citizens; and

WHEREAS, Other states have demonstrated the cost effectiveness of providing financial assistance to disabled individuals for attendant care services; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly hereby resolves that Maryland should provide financial assistance to its disabled citizens for attendant care services and is therefore enacting the following; now, therefore,