

(5) IN ORDER FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(I) AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF AN EMPLOYEE OF AN ORGANIZATION MAY NOT SERVE AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ORGANIZATION; AND

(II) A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT HAVE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF A GOVERNING BODY OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS HAD A LICENSE REVOKED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 10 YEARS.

(6) BEFORE DETERMINING THAT A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PERFORM AN ON-SITE INVESTIGATION OF THE ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 340

(Senate Bill 834)

AN ACT concerning

Pilot Program to Study and Improve Screening Practices for Autism Spectrum Disorders

FOR the purpose of establishing a Pilot Program to Study and Improve Screening Practices for Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Department of Education; providing for the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to select and establish relationships with certain providers to participate in the Pilot Program, assess and identify certain autism spectrum disorders screening instruments, develop certain training materials and distribute certain written information, and facilitate communication between certain providers and the ~~Maryland~~ Infants and Toddlers Program; requiring the Department of Education, beginning on a certain date and in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to collect certain baseline data, conduct certain tests for participating providers, provide certain training to participating providers, collect and analyze the results of certain tests, and collect certain information on certain screening instruments; requiring the Department of Education, beginning on a certain date and in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop and monitor a certain referral system between certain pediatricians and the ~~Maryland~~ Infants and