

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
 President of the Senate
 State House
 Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 776 – *Individuals with Developmental Disabilities – Additional Rights and Services*.

This bill adds the right to be informed of specified service options to the list of basic rights to which an individual who receives services provided by the Developmental Disabilities Administration is entitled and requires the staff of an Administration licensee, at a specified time, to assess whether the needs of an individual with a developmental disability could be met in more integrated settings.

House Bill 988, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 776.

Very truly yours,
 Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
 Governor

Senate Bill No. 776

AN ACT concerning

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities – Additional Rights and Services

FOR the purpose of adding the right to be informed of certain ~~less restrictive~~ service options to the list of basic rights to which an individual who receives services provided by the Developmental Disabilities Administration is entitled; requiring the staff of an Administration licensee, at a certain time, to assess whether the needs of an individual with a developmental disability could be met ~~through less restrictive services~~ in more integrated settings and to provide certain service options to the individual in a certain manner; making technical and conforming changes; and generally relating to rights and services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Health – General
 Section 7-1001
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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