

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 Toddlers Program, and to develop certain support for health care providers; authorizing the Department of Education to contract with a certain organization to administer the Pilot Program; requiring the Department of Education to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Pilot Program to Study and Improve Screening Practices for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 8–501 through 8–508, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Pilot Program to Study and Improve Screening Practices for Autism Spectrum Disorders”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 5. PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY AND IMPROVE SCREENING PRACTICES FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

8–501.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, “PILOT PROGRAM” MEANS THE PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY AND IMPROVE SCREENING PRACTICES FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

8–502.

THERE IS A PILOT PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO STUDY AND IMPROVE SCREENING PRACTICES FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS ~~IN THE DEPARTMENT~~.

8–503.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO:

(1) ASSESS AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS SCREENING PRACTICES USED IN PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE SETTINGS;

(2) IMPLEMENT AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS SCREENING PRACTICES AT WELL VISITS FOR 12- TO 36-MONTH OLD CHILDREN IN AT LEAST TWO JURISDICTIONS IN THE STATE;