

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED; That, on or before October 1, 2002, the Council shall submit a report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly with a plan of action for family caregiver support services.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved: May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 401

(House Bill 513)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council of Maryland

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council of Maryland; providing for the purpose of the Council; providing for the composition of the Council and the appointment, compensation, and terms of Council members; requiring the Department of Human Resources to provide certain staff support to the Council; requiring the Council to gather certain information from caregivers through certain methods; requiring the Council to develop and distribute a handbook of certain caregiver services; requiring the Council to review certain caregiver support programs; requiring the Council to develop a model caregiver support program; requiring the Council to coordinate activities of certain caregiver services; requiring the Council to conduct certain research; requiring the Council to report to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council.

BY adding to

Article 88A – Department of Human Resources

Section 129A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Respite is the occasional, short-term, temporary relief or rest for family caregivers who provide care for children or adults with developmental disabilities, functional disabilities, challenging behaviors, and age related disorders and diseases; and

WHEREAS, Supporting the efforts of families and caregivers to care for individuals with special needs at home is efficient, cost effective, and humane; and