

General Assembly on or before a certain date; abolishing the Office for Individuals with Disabilities; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Commission; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to explore the feasibility of certain funding approaches; specifying that the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, shall correct agency names and titles in the Code to conform to the changes that are made by this Act; prohibiting the General Fund appropriation to the Department of Disabilities from exceeding a certain amount; requiring the Department to seek certain funds to cover certain expenditures; authorizing the Department to seek certain personnel identification numbers from the Board of Public Works under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Department of Disabilities.

BY repealing

Article – State Government

Section 9–1101 through 9–1110, inclusive, and the subtitle “Subtitle 11. Services to Individuals with Disabilities”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 8–201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9–1101 through ~~9–1116~~ 9–1118, inclusive, and the subtitle “Subtitle 11. Department of Disabilities”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities should be empowered to achieve their personal and professional goals in the communities where they live; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities can live independent, productive, and full lives in their communities when provided with the right support, training, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to infuse service delivery systems with elevated expectations about the capacities of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to increase the capacity of Maryland communities to provide services and support in inclusive settings; and