

WHEREAS, It is desirable to create accessible and universally designed communities and technology, which promote the independence and participation of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the State of Maryland to construct a seamless, responsive, and coordinated service delivery system in which consumers can exercise meaningful choices and maintain control over their lives; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 9-1101 through 9-1110, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 11. Services to Individuals with Disabilities" of Article - State Government of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

8-201.

(a) The Executive Branch of the State government shall have not more than 21 principal departments, each of which shall embrace a broad, functional area of that Branch.

(b) The principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State government are:

- (1) Aging;
- (2) Agriculture;
- (3) Budget and Management;
- (4) Business and Economic Development;
- (5) DISABILITIES;
- [(5)] (6) the Environment;
- [(6)] (7) General Services;
- [(7)] (8) Health and Mental Hygiene;
- [(8)] (9) Housing and Community Development;
- [(9)] (10) Human Resources;
- [(10)] (11) Juvenile Services;
- [(11)] (12) Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- [(12)] (13) Natural Resources;
- [(13)] (14) Planning;
- [(14)] (15) Public Safety and Correctional Services;