

(B) THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN SHALL ASSESS THE PROVISION OF AND RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

9-1117.

(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL REVIEW THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1116 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE SECRETARY MAY APPROVE OR AMEND THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-1116 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN AS APPROVED OR AS AMENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF THE STATE'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE STATE DISABILITIES PLAN AND RELATED PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

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THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OVERSEE AND ADMINISTER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- (1) CONSTITUENT SERVICES AND OMBUDSMEN PROGRAMS; AND
- (2) THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE 41, TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 9 OF THE CODE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all employees of the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities whose positions are transferred to the Department of Disabilities by this Act shall be so transferred on the effective date of this Act without any diminution of their rights, benefits, or employment and retirement status.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as otherwise provided by law, all existing laws, rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, policies, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, contracts, property, investigations, administrative and judicial responsibilities, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities associated with the functions of the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue in effect under the Department of Disabilities until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all contracts, agreements, grants, or other obligations entered into by the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities prior to July 1, 2004, are hereby declared to be valid, legal, and binding obligations of the Department of Disabilities, enforceable in accordance with their terms.