

WHEREAS, Without a timely solution to the structural under-funding, State-funded community-based providers will be unable to continue to provide quality services that are accessible throughout Maryland; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

- (a) ~~There is a Task Force on the Structural Under Funding of Community Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities~~ The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall establish a Task Force to Study the Developmental Disabilities Administration Rate Payment Systems.
- (b) The Task Force ~~consists~~ shall consist of the following members:
- (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - (3) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (4) The Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (5) One representative from the Maryland Association of Community Services;
  - (6) One representative from the ARC of Maryland;
  - (7) One representative from People on the Go;
  - (8) Four representatives of Developmental Disabilities Administration-funded community-based providers, including a provider of residential supports, a provider of supported employment supports, a provider of day habilitation services, and a provider of community-supported living arrangements;
  - (9) One representative from the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission; ~~and~~
  - (10) ~~One individual with expertise on rate systems for community services in other states~~ One individual familiar with rate systems for community services in Maryland and in other states; and
  - (11) One representative from the Developmental Disabilities Council.
- (c) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall appoint the nondesignated members of the Task Force.
- (d) ~~The Task Force members shall elect a chair~~ The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall appoint the chair of the Task Force from its membership.