

HOUSE BILL 1434

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By: **Delegate McCaskill**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health – Caregiver Resource Webpage – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and maintain
4 a caregiver resource webpage with information and resources to support certain
5 caregivers in the State; and generally relating to a caregiver resource webpage.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Health – General

8 Section 20–2501 through 20–2503 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 25.

9 Caregiver Resource Webpage”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 **SUBTITLE 25. CAREGIVER RESOURCE WEBPAGE.**

16 **20–2501.**

17 **IN THIS SUBTITLE:**

18 **(1) “CAREGIVER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES CARE,**
19 **SUPERVISION, OR ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL DUE TO THE INDIVIDUAL’S**
20 **AGE, DISABILITY, CHRONIC ILLNESS, COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, OR OTHER**
21 **FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION;**

22 **(2) “CAREGIVER” INCLUDES:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (I) A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY,
2 CHRONIC ILLNESS, COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, OR OTHER FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION;

3 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL CARING FOR AN ADULT FAMILY MEMBER OR
4 LOVED ONE WITH A DISABILITY, CHRONIC ILLNESS, COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, OR
5 OTHER FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION; AND

6 (III) A MINOR OR DEPENDENT PROVIDING CARE TO A PARENT,
7 GRANDPARENT, OR OTHER ADULT DUE TO THE AGE, DISABILITY, CHRONIC ILLNESS,
8 COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, OR OTHER FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION OF THE PARENT,
9 GRANDPARENT, OR OTHER ADULT; AND

10 (3) "CAREGIVER" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN
11 PROVIDING CARE, SUPERVISION, OR ASSISTANCE TO A CHILD THAT DOES NOT HAVE
12 A DISABILITY, CHRONIC ILLNESS, COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, OR OTHER FUNCTIONAL
13 LIMITATION.

14 **20-2502.**

15 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A CENTRALIZED
16 CAREGIVER RESOURCE WEBPAGE FOR CAREGIVERS IN THE STATE.

17 (B) THE CAREGIVER RESOURCE WEBPAGE SHALL:

18 (1) BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S
19 WEBSITE; AND

20 (2) PROVIDE PLAIN-LANGUAGE, EASILY ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION
21 TO SUPPORT ALL TYPES OF CAREGIVERS AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF CAREGIVING.

22 (C) THE CAREGIVER RESOURCE WEBPAGE SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION
23 AND LINKS TO RESOURCES RELATED TO:

24 (1) CAREGIVING FOR:

25 (I) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL HEALTH CARE
26 NEEDS, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL AND SCHOOL-BASED SUPPORTS;

27 (II) ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES, CHRONIC ILLNESS, OR
28 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS; AND

1 (III) OLDER ADULTS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA
2 OR COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT;

3 (2) CAREGIVER HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND RESPITE RESOURCES;

4 (3) STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS THAT MAY PROVIDE FINANCIAL
5 ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, OR SUPPORT TO CAREGIVERS;

6 (4) SAFETY PLANNING, INCLUDING WANDERING AND ELOPEMENT
7 RISKS; AND

8 (5) PRIVACY, DATA MINIMIZATION, AND DATA SECURITY
9 CONSIDERATIONS WHEN TECHNOLOGY IS USED TO SUPPORT CAREGIVING OR
10 SAFETY.

11 (D) IN DEVELOPING THE WEBPAGE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
12 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH:

13 (1) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

14 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING;

15 (3) THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION; AND

16 (4) ANY OTHER RELEVANT STATE OR LOCAL AGENCIES.

17 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE THE WEBPAGE AS
18 NECESSARY, BUT NOT LESS THAN ANNUALLY.

19 **20–2503.**

20 THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT, ANY
21 STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY, OR ANY OTHER PERSON DESCRIBED, LISTED, OR LINKED
22 TO ON THE CAREGIVERS RESOURCE WEBPAGE TO PROVIDE OR FUND A SPECIFIC
23 SERVICE, DEVICE, RESOURCE, OR PROGRAM DESCRIBED, LISTED, OR LINKED TO ON
24 THE CAREGIVERS RESOURCE WEBPAGE.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2026.