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Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities Commission –
Membership; appointment; terms –
Amendments
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Councilmembers Friedson, Stewart, Sayles, Katz, Mink, and Jawando

AN ACT to:

- (1) revise the membership structure of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission; and
- (2) generally amend the law regarding the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation
Sections 24-71 and 24-73

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Sections 24-71 and 24-73 are amended as follows:

Sec. 24-71. Definitions and Policy Statement.

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Commission means the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission established under this Article.

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Self-Directed Services has the meaning set forth in Section 7-101 of the Health – General Article of the Maryland Code, as amended.

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Sec. 24-73. Membership; appointment; terms.

(a) The Commission consists of [19] 23 voting members and 6 non-voting members.

(b) The voting members are appointed by the County Executive, subject to Council confirmation, and must include:

(1) [2] 5 individuals with IDD;

(2) [9 family members, guardians, or support staff of individuals with IDD] 5 individuals who are parents or guardians of children with IDD or guardians or immediate relatives of adults with IDD who cannot advocate for themselves;

(3) 5 individuals who are either individuals with IDD or parents or guardians of children with IDD or guardians or immediate relatives of adults with IDD who cannot advocate for themselves;

(4) 7 individuals representing service providers or advocacy organizations that support individuals with IDD; and

[(4)] (5) [1] one member of the Commission on People with Disabilities.

At least 3 of the 15 members under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection must be individuals who participate in Self-Directed Services.

(c) The non-voting members are designees of the following agencies:

- (1) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (2) Department of Recreation;
- (3) Montgomery County Public Schools;
- (4) Montgomery College;
- (5) WorkSource Montgomery; and
- (6) Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Sec. 2. Short title. This bill may be known as “The Jake Didinsky Advocacy Act.”

Approved:



September 15, 2026

Natali Fani-González, President, County Council

Date

Approved:



September 22, 2026

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



September 22, 2026

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date