

Columbia to construct Interstate Route 70S from downtown Washington northward to the Maryland line in order that the State of Maryland may proceed with the construction of such route southward to the District of Columbia line thus making possible the completion of this much needed facility; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the United States Senators and members of the House of Representatives from Maryland.

Approved May 6, 1963.

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No. 48

(Senate Joint Resolution 31)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to continue the appointment and the work of its special Committee on Prison Administration.

During 1960, 1961, and 1962, the Legislative Council appointed a special Committee on Prison Administration. The Committee has worked diligently and effectively in studying the present problems of prison administration in the State of Maryland. They have also studied the prison systems of several other states.

On the basis of its studies in Maryland and elsewhere, the Committee proposed to the General Assembly of 1962 a comprehensive organization of Maryland's prison system, which was enacted in 1962. However, since this law is not yet in operation, the Committee has not had an opportunity to observe the effectiveness of this reorganization in carrying out the Committee's aim in proposing the law to re-orient prison administration in this State. The value of the Committee's work to the General Assembly will be impeded unless the Committee is given at this juncture an opportunity to determine the effectiveness of the reorganization of Maryland's prison system.

In addition, there remain many continuing problems in Maryland's prison administration. Essential among these is the need for increased employment of inmates in correctional institutions and camps in the State, and in relation thereto a study of sentencing procedures, work-release and day-release work programs, and payment of wages to inmates.

Also, the explosive pressure of overcrowding in the present penal institutions intensifies the problems concerning traffic in contraband, and escapes, among others. Other matters which have been brought to the Committee's attention and which require further study relate to interstate and intrastate detainers and to grand juries.

The Committee recognizes that these are continuing problems and that they deserve in the future the same careful scrutiny and study that has been given during the past three years. The reappointment of the Committee on Prison Administration would assure continuing legislation and work on these problems; now, therefore, be it