

Such industrial training programs offer an opportunity to Maryland workers to acquire or upgrade skills and thereby become more productive contributors to the economy of the State.

States adjacent and nearby are providing these programs to Maryland's disadvantage in the competition for desirable new and expanding industry.

An effective program of industrial training would tie in with the proposal for business tax reform now being considered by the State of Maryland. This program would endeavor to provide gainful employment to our people to meet the need for additional skilled labor and to offer means whereby the unskilled might improve themselves and our society; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That joining with the Maryland Economic Development Commission, the General Assembly calls to the attention of the Governor the problem and the opportunity for improving our facilities and offerings for an industrial training program in order that this program may be an effective and adequate part of the governmental services in the State of Maryland; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Assembly calls for the cooperation and assistance of all interested and affected organizations and agencies toward the formulation and implementation of such a program for industrial training; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the General Assembly also refers this subject to the Legislative Council with the request that it be submitted by the Council to the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters for study and necessary implementation.

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No. 20

(Senate Joint Resolution 75)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to jointly appoint a committee to study the problems of acquiring and developing recreation areas and to develop a comprehensive program for funding these projects.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is faced with significant increases in the population and with an ever widening deficit in the amount of recreation areas to accommodate this expanded population; and

WHEREAS, Valuable recreation areas are rapidly being converted to other use and forever lost as recreation space; and

WHEREAS, Land values throughout the State are increasing at an alarming rate annually; and