FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a committee to study the State budget <u>format</u> and budget <u>preparation and accounting</u> processes.

WHEREAS, The present program budget format is over 25 years old and was instituted before the use of modern data-processing techniques; and

WHEREAS, There is currently a duplication of funding with federal and nonbudget funds; and

WHEREAS, Positions that are annually authorized are not currently reflected under the present program budget format and, consequently, are difficult to control; and

WHEREAS, In many instances, transfers of funds are duplicated by the agencies; and

WHEREAS, A revised budget format could better depict agency roles and functions: and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly does not appropriate all special and federal funds utilized by the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor appoint an independent committee composed of representatives from the executive, judicial, and legislative branches to study the State budget format and budget preparation and accounting processes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 1980; and be it <u>further</u>

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor.

Signed May 1, 1979.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 70)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Nonpublic Special Education

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor Legislative Policy Committee to appoint a commission to study nonpublic special education programs and the effect of State education law on these programs.