(3) One local official from each of the 3 regions, and such other persons as the Governor considers appropriate to be represented; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor designate the chair of the commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and Governor by December 1, 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff for the commission be provided by the Department of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to David W. Hornbeck, State Superintendent of Schools, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; Frederick K. Schoenbrodt, President, State Board of Education, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; Offic Clark, Chairperson, Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries, 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; Dr. H. Louis Stettler III, Secretary, Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, State Treasury Building, Annapolis, MD 21404.

Signed May 13, 1986.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 84)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Correctional Opportunities for Women Convicted of Crime

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor and Legislative Policy Committee to establish a committee to study sentencing and correctional alternatives for women convicted of crime in the State.

WHEREAS, The rate of recidivism of women criminal offenders is lower than that of criminal offenders who are men; and

WHEREAS, Many women who are convicted of crime would benefit from correctional programs based in the community rather than in more restrictive settings; and

WHEREAS, Although some work release and pre-release programs exist in which women incarcerated in the penal system may participate, an increase in the number and availability of these programs would enhance the rehabilitation of more women in the prison system; and