

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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Signed May 27, 1988.

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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 18)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

A Task Force to Study the Advisability and Feasibility of Creating a State Drug Enforcement Administration

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to establish a Task Force to study the advisability and feasibility of creating a Maryland State Drug Enforcement Administration and report its findings to the General Assembly by a certain date.

Preamble

WHEREAS, In the United States the fight against drug use and abuse is increasingly becoming the responsibility of State and local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, Of the \$6.2 billion spent nationwide in 1986, in the fight against drug abuse, \$4.9 billion was spent by State and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Drug abuse is a serious threat to the health of Maryland citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Addictions Service Administration estimates that 153,610 individuals in Maryland are incapable of functioning normally due to drug abuse, and these individuals represent approximately 4.7 percent of the State's population between age 11 and 65; and

WHEREAS, In Maryland, there are approximately 98 different agencies that have primary responsibility for control and prevention of the use of illegal narcotics; and