

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

WHEREAS, While the efforts of these agencies are to be commended, a coordinated approach is needed because of the extent of the drug abuse problem; and

WHEREAS, A coordinated approach will take into consideration education and law enforcement and could be accomplished through a centralized State drug enforcement administration;

WHEREAS, Because of the extent of the drug problem there is a critical need to determine whether or not there should be a centralized State drug enforcement administration with broad powers in the area of prosecution and law enforcement to be called "The Maryland State Drug Enforcement Administration"; and

WHEREAS, The information needed to determine the advisability and feasibility of creating a centralized State drug enforcement administration should be obtained from the local drug agencies and all relevant drug enforcement leaders in Maryland and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Special consideration should be given to incorporating similar responsibilities of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration into the proposed State Drug Enforcement Administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Task Force to study the advisability and feasibility of establishing a centralized State Drug Enforcement Administration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force to study the advisability and feasibility of a State Drug Enforcement Administration be composed of:

(1) 2 members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 2 members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(2) A representative from the discipline of education, a representative from the State judiciary, a representative from local law enforcement, and a representative of the Superintendent of the State Police, appointed by the Governor; and

(3) A representative from the State Attorney General's Office, appointed by the Attorney General; and

(4) A representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association who is an active member of the Maryland Bar, appointed by the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association; and