

by which State government may alleviate youth employment problems in the State and promote the integration of young people into the labor force. The Task Force is to submit recommendations in three principal areas: on the possible removal of restrictions upon and deterrents to youth employment in present State law; on means by which employment of young people may be made more attractive through incentive programs and improvements in vocational education and apprenticeship programs sponsored by the State; and on means by which employment of young people by State government may be increased. The Task Force is to submit its final report by December 1, 1980.

### **DEFUNCT EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONS**

The following executive commissions, committees, task forces, and advisory boards completed their work prior to the beginning of the 1981 session of the General Assembly.

#### **GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO STUDY CONCESSIONS IN STATE PARKS**

*Chairperson:* Fred L. Eskcw, *Department of Natural Resources*

The Governor appointed this Commission in 1976 to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of granting concessions and certain protected capital investment rights to private organizations in State parks and parkways (Res. No. 77, Acts of 1976). The Commission completed its work in April 1980.

#### **TASK FORCE ON ENERGY**

Created by executive order in 1979, this Task Force was charged with the responsibility of keeping abreast of developments in the energy field so that any future shortages, should they occur, would be anticipated and planned for in advance. Among the priorities of the Task Force was the development of policies and programs for voluntary conservation of energy.

#### **GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

*Chairperson:* Joe O. Woodrick

This Commission was established by executive order in 1977 at the request of the General Assembly (Res. No. 53, Acts of 1977). Initially appointed for one year, the terms of service of Commission members were extended through March 1979. The Commission's charge was to investigate the number, sociological backgrounds, and needs of mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system, to establish what services and programs were offered to them, and to develop a long-range comprehensive plan for appropriately dealing with mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system.

#### **TASK FORCE ON PRISON OVERCROWDING**

*Chairperson:* Robert B. Watts

The Governor appointed this Task Force in January 1979 to evaluate the serious overcrowding confronting Maryland's Correctional System and to review the issues related to building a large prison so that the controversy surrounding this issue could be settled as early as possible. The Task Force issued a report on February 16, 1979.

#### **GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON RACING REFORM**

*Chairperson:* Lawrence F. Rodowsky

The Governor established this Commission by executive order in May 1979, and charged it with the responsibility to conduct a general study of the racing industry in Maryland and other jurisdictions and to make recommendations concerning the future organization, structure, financing, promotion, and regulation of the racing and allied industries in Maryland. The Commission was to render its report, along with legislative proposals, prior to the convening of the 1980 session of the General Assembly.

#### **COMMISSION TO STUDY THE OPERATION OF SECURITY GUARDS AND SPECIAL POLICE**

*Chairperson:* Marshall M. Meyer

The Governor appointed this Commission in 1972 at the request of the General Assembly to study the operation of security guards and special police and the relationship between government and private industry in this field.