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In August 1984, the Governor created the Task Force on Health-Care Cost Containment. The Task Force examined factors contributing to the rise in health-care costs over the past decade and recommended ways to bring them under greater control. Specifically, the Task Force considered administrative or legislative changes that might improve the State's hospital rate-setting program and preserve Maryland's Medicare waiver. It studied the State Health Services Cost Review Commission statute, the current method of financing bad debt and charity care, and the costs and current methods of financing medical education at teaching hospitals. In addition, the Task Force evaluated the need for a plan on specific capacity for each hospital and for authorizing regulatory agencies to reduce excess capacity.

The Task Force reported to the Governor in December 1984.

COMMISSION ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

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At the request of the General Assembly, the Governor created this commission in 1983 (Joint Resolution no. 9, Acts of 1983). The Commission studied how the cost of providing health care has been affected by soaring premiums for the liability insurance of physicians and hospitals. It also studied the role and function of the Health Claims Arbitration Office. The Commission reported its recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on January 26, 1984.

GOVERNOR'S AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HIGH TECHNOLOGY

Chairperson: John F. Dealy.

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In November 1981, the Governor established the Ad Hoc Committee on High Technology. High technology is widely perceived to include such fields as electronics, computers, telecommunications, aerospace, and certain medical products.

The Committee assessed the present and future impact of the high technology business sector on Maryland's economy. It also proposed how the State might more effectively establish and sustain a major position in high technology industry.

The Committee reported to the Governor in October 1982.

TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOME IMPROVEMENT LAWS

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In May 1983, the Governor created the Task Force to study home improvement laws. The Task Force submitted its final report in January 1984.

GOVERNOR'S HOUSING TASK FORCE

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The Governor's Housing Task Force completed its assignment and issued a report of its findings in October 1983.

INTERSTATE BANKING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Frank J. De Francis, former Secretary of Economic and Community Development