

TASK FORCE ON REAL PROPERTY CLOSING COSTS

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In September 1985, the Governor created the Task Force on Real Property Closing Costs. The Task Force was asked to consider ways to reduce real estate settlement costs that may discourage buyers, including corporate real property buyers who need to relocate in Maryland. The Task Force compared Maryland closing costs with those of other states and also compared costs in each jurisdiction within Maryland.

After analyzing the impact of these costs on State economic development and on the individual purchaser, the Task Force reported its recommendations in January 1986.

TASK FORCE ON REGIONAL LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAMS

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At the request of the General Assembly, the Governor created the Task Force on Regional Library Resource Center Programs in August 1986 (Joint Resolution no. 33, Acts of 1986).

Since 1973, regional library resource centers have been established in Southern Maryland, the Eastern Shore, and Western Maryland. The Task Force was to determine if the mandated services

of the Regional Library Resource Center Programs meet the needs of the regions. The Task Force also was to consider the adequacy of resources available to the Programs.

In December 1986, the Task Force submitted its report to the Governor.

TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

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The Governor created the Task Force to Examine the School Construction Program in July 1985. The Task Force charge was to examine the scope of State and local investment, including debt service, in school construction since the Program's inception in 1971. Requests and projected needs for school construction and renovation were reviewed by the Task Force and recommendations were made indicating to what degree the State should cover costs in the future. In addition, the Task Force considered financing options and policies for construction and renovation, and policies for disposition of surplus schools.

The Task Force submitted its report in November 1985.

MARYLAND SHOCK TRAUMA NEGOTIATING TEAM

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