

recommend **THE MOST EFFICIENT FORM OF DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND** a comprehensive program for the Department for use of available job skills at suggested salary scales; and to make the results of the study available to the General Assembly at the beginning of the 1964 legislative session; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 6, 1963.

No. 25

(House Joint Resolution 6)

House Joint Resolution requesting the State Department of Public Welfare, Health, Mental Hygiene, the State Board of Education and private family and children's agencies to take certain action designed to strengthen family life in Maryland and to provide moral and religious guidance to citizens of the State.

WHEREAS, In the report of the Governor's Commission to Study Problems of Illegitimacy, the Commission made several recommendations of a general nature as a part of its study of illegitimacy, which recommendations were designed to provide the various departments of State government and private agencies with data and information to enable them to provide services to strengthen family life and to provide guidance to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Commission noted that there is a trend to eliminate religious identity of a person from public records, that there is a need for such information, and that a public servant attempting to help a citizen in distress needs this information, pointing out that the need is especially urgent in the case of an illegitimate pregnancy. The Commission urges strongly that the State Departments of Public Welfare, Health, and Mental Hygiene place the religious affiliation of the person in every personal data form in order to provide a resource in helping to rehabilitate the person; and

WHEREAS, The Commission further noted that the regular collection of social and personal data, such as birth status, age, race, sex, religion, education, occupation, and nature of problem involved when summarized and made available to authorized organizations and individuals will permit systematic evaluation of the effectiveness of programs designed to combat illegitimacy among recipients of public welfare monies. The Commission urges that the State Departments of Health and Public Welfare regularly collect, summarize and distribute such information to authorized organizations and individuals so that community services and needs can be properly evaluated; and

WHEREAS, The Commission reported that a good family casework agency, available to help parents with their own problems, can be a forceful factor in the prevention of illegitimacy. Such services are available now only in the urbanized counties of the State. The Com-