

Project requires financial participation in a portion of such costs by the states and jurisdictions abutting the River, the State of Maryland will by appropriate legislation provide for this State's fair share of such non-Federally financed portion; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the State of Maryland recommends and suggests that the State of West Virginia, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia similarly indicate their willingness to pay their respective fair shares of the non-Federally financed portion of the Bloomington Dam Project, if the Federal legislation does not provide for the total construction cost; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this joint resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, The Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Maryland Delegation to the United States Congress, to the Chief of the Corps of Engineers, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Potomac River Basin Advisory Committee, all under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland.

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(House Joint Resolution 23)

House Joint Resolution providing for the compilation and maintenance of a register of legally blind persons residing within the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, there is at present no state-wide register of legally blinded persons in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, such a register is necessary in compiling and maintaining accurate statistics concerning the causes, incidence and prevalence of blindness in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, such a register will serve as a means of informing blind persons of needed and available services and will assist in the provision of such services to blind persons; and

WHEREAS, such a register would serve as a means of informing parents of blind children of the agencies and organizations available to aid in the special education of blind children; and

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has authorized the State Department of Education through its Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to contract with the Biometrics Branch, National Institute for Neurological Diseases and Blindness, Bethesda, Maryland, for financial and technical assistance in establishing a state-wide register of all legally blind persons; (A blind person is defined as one whose visual acuity in the better eye is no greater than 20/200 with correcting lens, or one whose field of vision is constricted to such a degree that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees), now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it endorses the action of the State Board of Education in establishing a state-