

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution are sent to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and to each of Maryland's Commissioners on that Commission.

Approved May 6, 1966.

No. 61

(House Joint Resolution 54)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a Commission to Study the Educational Needs of Handicapped Children and the formulation and financing through State and federal aid of programs to educate and rehabilitate the ~~handicapped child~~ **PHYSICALLY AND/OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN**.

WHEREAS, The education and rehabilitation of the handicapped child is of vital importance to the individual child and to society; and

WHEREAS, Maryland was one of the first states in the nation to make provision for the education and rehabilitation of its handicapped citizens; and

WHEREAS, There has not been a study of the special educational needs of the handicapped child by the State of Maryland for more than fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, There is a demonstrated need for a review and re-examination of the special educational requirements of the handicapped child and of special programs within and without the State of Maryland for the handicapped child, presently administered and financed under the provisions of Article 77, Section 241 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, In recent years new techniques, programs, designs, and operational structures in special education for the handicapped have been developed as a result of research and demonstration, and this new knowledge should be applied to existing rules, regulations, standards, and current provisions for State and federal assistance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor of Maryland be requested to appoint a Commission to Study the Educational Needs of Handicapped Children and the formulation of financing through State and federal aid of programs to educate and rehabilitate the handicapped child; said Commission to consist of not more than fifteen members, including representatives of the medical and teaching professions, State and Local Educational Administrators, interested voluntary organizations and the General Assembly of Maryland; and be it further

Resolved, That the findings and recommendations of this study be submitted to the Legislative Council and to the Governor on or before November 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.