

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State of Maryland is directed under the Great Seal of Maryland to send copies of this Joint Resolution to each member of the Maryland Delegation in the Congress of the United States and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Works in the House of Representatives of the United States; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State of Maryland also is directed under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to send copies of this Joint Resolution to the presiding officer in each House of every General Assembly or State Legislature in the other states of the Union.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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No. 25

(Senate Joint Resolution 27)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to establish an interdepartmental council on the handicapped to act as a coordinating committee of State agencies concerned with all the necessary programs and services for the handicapped citizens of Maryland.

WHEREAS, In the 1966 and 1967 studies made by the Governor's Commission to Study the Educational Needs of Handicapped Children it became apparent to the Commission members that there was a serious lack of communication and coordination among those various agencies; and

WHEREAS, One of the essential and most critical factors in raising the level of Maryland's programs and services for handicapped persons is the need for greatly increased and improved communication and coordination among the various agencies; and

WHEREAS, The same critical factor exists with regard to handicapped persons in general and is not particular to handicapped children alone; and

WHEREAS, This lack of communication and coordination may impair and impede the progress of the State in the increasingly important field of providing programs and services for the handicapped; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor of Maryland is requested to create a State interdepartmental coordinating committee to aid in coordination of all the necessary programs and services for all handicapped citizens in the several departments and agencies of the State Government; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this coordinating committee be known as the Interdepartmental Council on the Handicapped, and that it consist of the Department of Welfare, the Department of Education and